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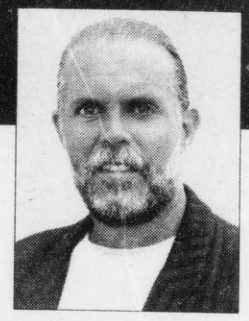

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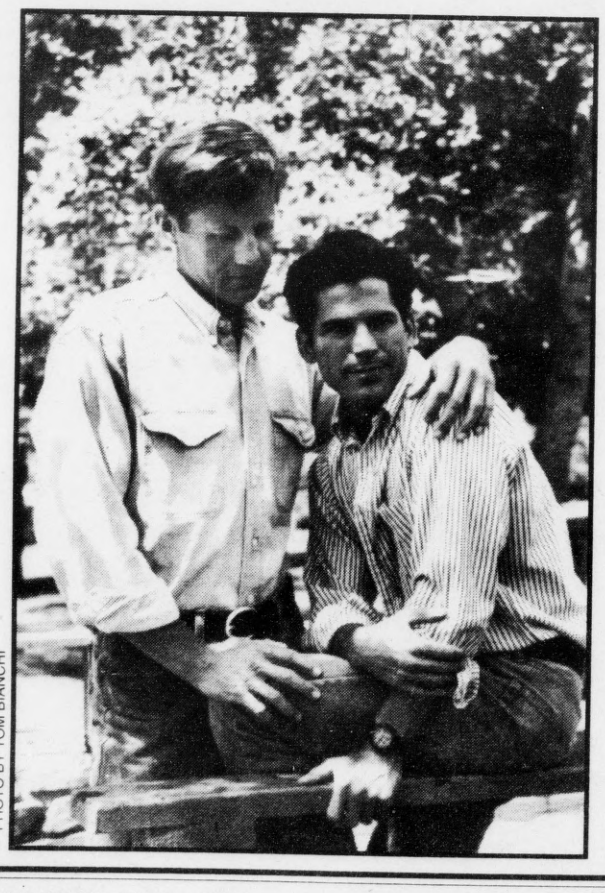

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(letters)

Tactics of Hate

In my recent channel flipping, I stumbled across pictures of the 1993 March on Washington. Lo and behold, it was "The 700 Club" broadcast and pledge request to combat the *advancing homosexual agenda.*

They interviewed a transsexual converted to the Lord's way as their proof that homosexuality is nothing more than a "sinful choice and an abomination of God." Their tirade and bigotry continued for over an hour, pressing for the need for money pledged in the fight against the gay community's "ultra-left uprising."

Their toll-free number is 800-759-0700. I strongly urge everyone to call this extremist organization (several times) and impress upon them that their tactics are nothing more than hatred. Every call costs them money. Hit 'em in the pocketbooks.

Name withheld by request

Dave's Departure

In the past I looked forward to every other Thursday when your paper came out, eagerly awaiting the arrival of those friendly looking bundles of freshly printed papers so that I could pore over the pages with a certain fervor. Starting with the letters (the best in the gay press), following with Tim Kingston's usual two, three or four articles, I then read on to the tidbits section, trying to contain myself while heading as quickly as I could toward what I considered the very heart of your paper: Dave Ford's "Write Stuff".

But then I read with great disappointment that Dave was leaving the *SF Bay Times* staff, and I braced myself for the worst. While not always necessarily in agreement with some of his politics, I did find his writing style of the caliber not often seen in print journalism, particularly in a free paper such as yours.

So Dave's gone now. Not away, because I caught sight of him just the other day on a Castro stroll, but gone from the context of appearing in my life at least once a month in his intellectual and often compassionate articles. The *SF Bay Times* is just not the same now without Dave. But I guess I'll get used to it, hoping that he'll pop up somewhere else, like maybe in *The New Yorker* as a free-lancer, or perhaps doing his "Stuff" in another fine monthly.

I thought I'd just die when Ggreg Taylor, Opulent Superstar, disappeared from your pages. Now I'm going through a kind of abandonment galore with the resignation of Dave Ford. (Oh, won't my therapist just *love* me this week?)

So anyway I'm still excited and looking forward to every other Thursday's issue of the *SF Bay Times*, but the feeling is different now, like someone turned a page or something.

So long, Dave. See ya 'round.

Sam Mather
San Francisco

Never Forget Harvey

Tonight, a rather disheartening experience came upon me.

Feeling celebratory in light of Harvey Milk's birthday, I approached the bartender at a Castro bar, requesting a song be played honoring the occasion. Surprisingly, the DJ was completely unaware of the significance of the day, yet she did seem to appreciate its relevance after I pointed it out. My mind, reeling with thoughts of this amazing pioneer of our movement, was unable to condense all that it was feeling into one song worthy of being representative of the day. I left the decision to her, saying, "What does he mean to you?" She, in her insightfulness, suggested that "Think," by Aretha Franklin, might fit the bill. Indeed it did. Before the song was played, the DJ announced that it was Harvey's birthday.

To my shock, I was the one cheering most loudly. I thought for sure those who were aware, even those who were previously unaware, would cheer unabashedly; however, it seemed only 20 percent or so of the people appreciated the occasion. They seemed not to realize that had it not been for Harvey, they more than likely would not have nearly the same freedom they enjoyed that evening. Granted, as friends pointed out to me, it was entirely possible that, upon the announcement, there were many individual celebrations taking place; even if only toasts in his honor. Yet it seems to me that the sentiment of Harvey—though his brutal assassination took place while I was still a naive youth in Utah—was one of celebration and frivolity, one of community and oneness, one of unbounded pride in who we are. Have we forgotten?

I hope that I am being all too pessimistic about this whole situation. The gay rights movement today is fractioned and disenfranchised to such an extreme degree, with much energy being put into infighting over trivial things such as semantics ("Year of the Queer," etc.). Harvey's message, "We all go together, or we don't go at all," seemed sadly lost to this group of young lovelies feeling, as they should, completely uninhibited in their expressions.

Please, everyone, never forget that none of this would have been possible without the great strides and accomplishments of Harvey Milk. Please, never let his memory die. Please read Randy Shilts' book and watch the documentary of Harvey's life. Please present these indoctrinations to your friends, lovers, parents, siblings, co-workers, fellow church members, fellow gays (men and women) and all those whose lives you have touched. Please realize and educate others on the enormity of Harvey's impact. In these times when we must not only fight the barbaric, hateful ravings of the Helmses and Sheldons of the world, but also those Uncle Franks willing to compromise where compromise is only putting a seemingly kinder face on sentiments of hatred and oppression, the spirit of Harvey and what he stood for must never die, lest the spirit of our right to love and exist freely shall also die.

Tony G. Meyer
San Francisco

However We Bloody Well Please

As a woman-loving feminist woman whose significant relationships have been and continue to be with other women (i.e., as a *lesbian*), I'm so fed up with women who think they have a trademark on that word and identity I could just shit. As a lesbian who probably couldn't "defeminize" if my life depended on it, I especially resent having my lesbian® qualifications judged by what I consider patriarchal values: butch (male) = strong, good; femme (female) = weak, bad.

Rachel Rosen wrote last issue to complain about a lack of diversity in lesbian sexual imagery ("Lesbian Reality," *SF Bay Times*, May 20), but went on to complain that diversity among women with a lesbian identity threatened the power of that identity. It seems to me she is confusing a *dyke separatist* identity with a *lesbian* identity. This is a shame, because the only power the dyke model of lesbian identity has is in the minds of other dyke separatists. If you doubt this, turn to the "Dykes to Watch Out For" page and ask yourself how long Mo's PC antics have been a source of lesbian laughter.

I've always seen the essence of lesbianism as female bonding and independence. How independent are we if we must react to what men expect of us instead of living however we bloody well please, and if we must conform to only one way to live a lesbian life?

I believe the power in a lesbian identity comes from our standing up for women no matter what. And I believe that, just as I began predicting five years ago, more women have come to appreciate lesbians doing just that. The '70s lesbian feminist belief in the necessity of women having a major say in everything that affects the planet became a campaign theme in the 1992 elections. Was that the work of women demanding strict lesbian and/or feminist conformity, and working to bar lipstick lesbians, bisexual women, S/M dykes (or leather morris dancers) from lesbian sisterhood? Or was it the work of lesbians who sought to bond and ally with other women across the sexual spectrum? Hint: I have straight women friends who wish they could be attracted to women because Men Just Don't Get It—but none of them see any point in becoming a defeminized dyke.

Beth Elliot
Oakland

Just As Much a Dyke

I am writing in response to Rachel Rosen's letter regarding the films *Thank God I'm a Lesbian, Rosebud* and *Came Out, It Rained, Went Back in Again ("Lesbian Reality," SF Bay Times*, May 20).

As a lesbian who is "feminine," "straight-looking," and who enjoys looking like a "woman," complete with long hair and make-up, I was *thrilled* that those movies portraying attractive femmes were shown at the Castro Theatre. I am sick of always seeking the lesbian image as "butch," either as a pseudo "punk" look with shaved head and piercings, or as a very masculine image. The lesbians who "pass," and who enjoy looking like "mainstream" women are just as much a part of the dyke community as Rachel Rosen, and are just as much a reality.

I do not see how looking feminine—which is who I am (I've been out for over ten years)—could be considered assimilating, therefore equaling death. I cannot put on a pair of combat boots any more than a more "butch" dyke could put on heels. Femininity *is* a part of lesbian identity, and I applaud the abovementioned movies for *finally* portraying the feminine lesbian in pictures.

Feminine dykes are everywhere: We are your neighbors, your teachers, your children, your co-workers.

Annie Bryne
San Francisco

Political Wankers

Isn't it just terrible (and surprising) that self-proclaimed "strong and proud dyke" Rachel Rosen ("Lesbian Reality," *SF Bay Times*, May 20), saw something offensive to her womyNazi agenda in recent lesbian films: "attractive, thin, able-bodied, made-up white lesbians" having sex. Gee, she must be right. In that footage (deviously influenced by our fave scapegoat—the allegedly ubiquitous "privileged, white, Christian men")—the very sight of those romping babes must be extremely harmful to fat butch cripples who can't afford lipstick.

If only I could believe she was kidding! Rachel, the filmmakers are not on earth to portray your tunnel vision anti-slim&attractive, anti-bisexual, anti-S/M, anti-feminine "reality" agenda. *Of course* "it is difficult not to feel swallowed up by images... we just react." That's how it is when you watch movies. Duh! So make your own films!

Far more dangerous than Rosen's trendy prejudices is her belief in her right to "disagree with a bisexual claiming a lesbian identity and subsequently diluting the political meaning and reality of lesbianism," concluding her letter, "We need more of our lesbian reality reflected, but I reject S/M, bisexuality and femininity as being portrayed as part of lesbian identity. Assimilation equals death, not acceptance."

Listen, lady, you are the one demanding assimilation.

Where do you get the nerve to suppose that you and your political wanker pals are the real lesbians, and that women in lipstick who are sexually attracted to recognizable women are phonies? It's "strong & proud" misogynists like you who drive us real lesbians out of bars and make us so lonely with your endless pseudo-socialist propaganda that it's sometimes easier to find a pretty man to kiss. And then you try to take the word gay away from us.

I've got news for you: Homosexuality is not some fringe political party that you can just take over. It happens to be normal behavior (or why are all these taboos and laws in place to make it go away?). The so-called bisexuals, gay women and men, are standing up for your gay rights everywhere outside your cruel, exclusive, politically correct ghetto. My family and straight friends accept that I'm gay, but you never will.

If someday average Americans are no longer scared to admit that they're gay it won't be due to anything the Rachel Rosens of this world said (hell, the likes of her won't talk to *me*).

And when that day dawns, real lesbians like me will be able to get a date with a beautiful woman in the straightest room in America, and show our love *anywhere*.

My boss asks me to just sign as...

Jay
Berkeley

Fat Is Overindulgence

In response to "Fatphobics in the Personals" (*SF Bay Times*, May 20): Fat is an overindulgence, just like drinking, drugging, etc. The "LTR" lesbian in most women's dreams needs to be healthy in *body* and mind. A fat body is simply not healthy; it is not necessary, looks terrible, etc. We lesbians need to have pride in our looks. Look the best you can—it says a lot about what you feel about yourself! Your body is a gift, take care of it!

One who likes a healthy lesbian!
San Francisco

Free to Be....

In response to two letters in the May 20 issue, titled "Lesbian Reality" and "Fatphobics....": I am sick to death of women—spelled however the f--- you want—who, filled with anger, are hypocrites of a different color.

The author of "Lesbian Reality" asks, "How many lesbians look or want to look like heterosexual beauty queens?" I didn't know that beauty had a sex but, since you asked, I answer, correctly: Who cares? Go ahead, Rachel, defeminize yourself all you want, but acknowledge those "overtly feminine" lesbians who hike a different path. They too are a representation, like it or not.

As for movies that dilute the political meaning of

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cover story

The 17th San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival

by Randy Turoff

The 17th San Francisco International Lesbian & Gay Film Festival, directed by Mark Finch and Jenni Olson, is the largest lesbian/gay film festival to date. Slated to run June 18-27, the festival will screen over 260 works from 15 countries at eight venues, including the Towne 3 Theatre in San Jose.

Opening night kicks off at the Castro Theatre with the West Coast premiere of *Forbidden Love*, directed by Lynn Fernie and Aerlyn Weissman. *Forbidden Love* weaves a '50s pulp novel plot through the social fabric of a documentary about lesbian sex and subculture in the '50s and '60s. Closing night at the Castro brings the operatic Dutch film *Belle* to the screen, described as a lesbian *Citizen Kane*. Another operatic West Coast debut comes from the film *Silent Thrush*. Its backstage lesbian romance and hot drama is set in a traditional opera company in modern Taiwan. Also from Asia is the Hong Kong film *The East Is Red*, a sequel to last year's *Swordsman II*, and featuring a transsexual lesbian Kung Fu superhero.

Three Asian comedies, all critically acclaimed, show up in this year's festival: *Okoge*, *Twinkle* and *The Wedding Banquet*. Interestingly, all three films revolve around a gay male couple and their straight female friend. The girl acts as a decoy to deflect the gayness of the male relationship from traditional family demands. In the end, of course, all's well that ends well.

Back to lesbian features, we have the suspenseful drama *The Last Island*, by Dutch filmmaker Marleen Gorris who directed the wry and prickly feminist film *A Question of Silence* several years ago. This one should prove to be as chilling as the last. In the feature film department, a noteworthy event is the special screening of Derek Jarman's brand-new film, *Wittgenstein*, about the life and times of the iconoclastic modern philosopher-supreme. Wittgenstein was gay (something nobody ever mentioned when I was in college). Tilda Swinton plays Lady Ottoline Morrell, a key figure in Ludwig's circle.

As with last year's festival, there is a strong showing in the international and local documentary category. The docs and shorts are wide-ranging, from the world premiere of the Sandra Bernhard story, *Confession of a Pretty Lady* to *One Nation Under God*, an overview of right-wing therapies for homosexuality. This year there is also the first lesbian safer-sex video program called "She's Safe!" Featuring PSAs, girls having sex, latex barrier instructions and clips from Fatale Video's new lesbian safer sex romance video, *Safe Is Desire*, this segment also includes excerpts from Well Sexy Women, the first-ever British-produced lesbian safe sex video. Also of special interest is a one-night only screening of *In the Wings: "Angels in America" On Broadway*, which takes us behind the scenes in the production of Tony Kushner's award-winning epic play.

Many short films and videos are highlighted at the festival and appear in various curated sections, including "Sistah Action!" which presents a program of African-American films put together by Aarin Burch. Marc Smolowitz has curated a section on Jewish programs and there are also sections devoted to Latino, Russian, and experimental videos, music videos, and Boy Shorts and Neo-Lesbo Cinema.

This year's Frameline Award goes to British-based Indian filmmaker Pratibha Parmar, and a retrospective of her work will be shown in "An Evening with Pratibha Parmar" on June 22 (see accompanying interview).

For the 17th San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, it will be necessary to plan your attack and pick up tickets early before your first choices are sold out. In town, the official ticket outlet this year is Superstar Satellite on 18th at Castro. A complete schedule for the festival follows. ✿

Greetings From Out Here

Peach

Friday, June 18

CASTRO THEATRE

• **Opening Night: Forbidden Love** (Canada)
Compelling, often hilarious and always rebellious, the nine women interviewed in *Forbidden Love* paint a portrait of lesbian sexuality and survival in Canada during the 1950s and 1960s, when lesbian love was the "love that dared not speak its name." Plays with short *Peach* (New Zealand). (7pm, $7)

• **Mala Noche** (USA)
Mala Noche's gritty, reckless-seeming style, and its story of passionate delinquency, prefigures the pleasures of *My Own Private Idaho* and *Drugstore Cowboy*. This new 35mm print of Gus Van Sant's classic, underseen first feature will be presented in person by Van Sant. Plus *Frankie Goes Downtown*. (9:30pm, $7)

• **Gala Dinner**
Come celebrate the start of another fabulous Frameline festival at the San Francisco Mart. Price includes *Forbidden Love*, dinner, drinks, desserts, dancing. (9pm-2am, $60)

• **Desserts and Dancing**
Show up at the San Francisco Mart after *Mala Noche* for complimentary drinks, desserts and dancing. (11pm-2am, $20)

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• **Forbidden Love**
Simultaneous opening night, see previous listing. (7pm, $6.50)

• **For a Lost Soldier** (The Netherlands)
A lush, moody, WWII romance about a young Dutch boy and a liberating Canadian soldier. (9pm, $6.50)

Saturday, June 19

CASTRO THEATRE

• **Boys Just Want To Have Fun** (USA)
This program features some of the best of new gay comic shorts, including the return of Scott Capurro's annoying ex-roommates in *Loverville 2: The Honeymoon*. Plus *Pool Days, Ma Vie, Mark Called, The Disco Years, The Attendant*. (noon, $5)

• **Neo-Lesbo Cinema** (Int'l)
Seven sexy, glossy lesbian-produced short films: *Peach, Tempted, Jumping the Gun, Jeanne & Hauviette, Intrepidissima, Rispondetemi* and *All Fall Down*. (2:15pm, $5)

• **One Nation Under God** (USA)
This riveting documentary offers the most dynamic historical overview of gays and lesbians in modern American society since *Before Stonewall*. (4:30pm, $5)

• **Wittgenstein** (Gr. Britain)
Derek Jarman's first film since *Edward II* is a humorous portrait of one of this century's most influential philosophers. Made for Britain's Channel Four TV, *Wittgenstein* reflects Jarman's distinctive sense of style, inventive images and vibrantly colored costumes (most of them containing the extraordinary Tilda Swinton) filmed against a pitch black background; it's what Jarman calls "the eradication of all that flim-flam." The result is so striking it almost hurts the eye. It won the Teddy Award at the 1993 Berlin International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival for best gay feature. Plus *Sleepy Haven*. (6:30pm, $7)

• **Silent Thrush** (Taiwan)
Backstage lesbian romance and intrigue highlight this portrait of life in a traditional opera company in modern-day Taiwan. (8:30pm, $6)

• **Confession of a Pretty Lady** (Gr. Britain)
Follow Sandra Bernhard as L.A.'s dykes on bikes escort her through the streets of tinsel town in this World Premiere screening. Old home movies and interviews with Sandra Bernhard's mother, aunt and uncle give a personal touch to this colorful and sexy portrait of the controversial comedienne. Plus a short on the infamous *Dr. Paglia*. (10:45pm, $6)

ROXIE CINEMA

• **Bay Area Short Film Showcase** (USA)
Our own Bay Area is home to some of the most exciting and talented new voices in queer cinema. This showcase includes Nancy Kates' portrait of ex-Marlboro Man Christian Haren, *Castro Cowboy*. Also showing: *Ife', After the Break, Rapture, He*

Belle

Wedding Banquet

The Potluck and the Passion

The Attendant

The Heart of Seduction

Other Families

Monsoon

Faerie Film

Would Have Loved Me to Death, The Birthday Party at Repetition Cafe, The Politics of Disco, The Standard of Living. (noon, $5)

• **Talk That Toc** (USA/Canada)
Cutting edge compilation of new experimental lesbian and gay Asian videos includes *Bare, Second Generation Once Removed, Fated to Be Queer, Toc Storee* and *Chinaman's Peak: Walking the Mountain*. (2pm, $5)

• **Greetings from Out Here** (USA)
In this colorful whirlwind tour of gay Dixie, videomaker Ellen Spiro captures the people, places, politics and queer roadside signs of the South. Plus *Rules of the Road*. (4:15pm, $5)

• **She's Safe** (Canada/USA/Gr. Brt./Ger.)
This curated screening of lesbian safe sex videos features a spicy batch of hot new public service announcements mixed in with this year's crop of the sexiest lesbian-produced safe erotic videos. Titles: *Girls Will Be Boys, Cunt Dykula, Well Sexy Women, Safe Is Desire, Truth or Dare, Safe Soap, Safer Sister, Latex— Step Out Smartly, Safe Sex Is Hot Sex, La Ravissement, Current Flow, Pout #3, Do You Mind?, and Down on the River*. (6:15pm, $6)

• **Love Me, Leave Me, Slap Me, Pierce Me... But Make It Short** (Canada/USA/Brazil)
18 tapes representing the energy, anger, humor and invention of modern gay video. Subjects include TS, TV, SM, RuPaul, drag, drugs, divas, grunge, guns, sex, violence, homophobia, condoms, codependency and lack of commitment. It's queer MTV. Titles include *Drag On A Fag, Hard to Swallow, Fuck the Pope, Bill and Ted's Homosexual Adventure, Marta: Portrait of a Teen Activist*, and *Black Body*. (8pm, $6)

• **Joe Joe** (USA)
The Bay Area premier of an irreverent new featurette by Cecilia Dougherty and Leslie Singer. With cameo appearances by Amy Scholder and Kevin Killian. Plus *2 Beloved Murderer 1* and *The Potluck and the Passion*. (10pm, $6)

PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE

• **Greetings from Out Here**
See June 19 listing, Roxie (7:30pm, $6)

• **Belle** (The Netherlands)
Drawing on operatic and poetic conventions, *Belle* is the magical-realist story of a woman confronting the ethical, existential and moral issues of modern times. Plus *Intrepidissima*. (9:30pm, $6)

TOWNE 3 THEATRE

• **Slight Fever of a 20-Year-Old** (Japan)
This raw underground Japanese feature tells the bleak tale of unrequited love among young male hustlers. (2pm, $3.50)

• **The Farewell** (Finland/Sweden)
A powerful feature film about one woman coming of age and coming out in Finland. Plus: *My Grandma's Lady Cabaret*. (4:15pm, $6.50)

• **Boy's Shorts: The New Queer Cinema** (USA/Gr. Brt./Aust.)
Six award-winning shorts, including *Dead Boy's Club* in which a young innocent is transported back to the days of promiscuity, hot guys and glitter balls—by a pair of magic disco shoes. Plus Marlon Rigg's *Anthem*, and *Relax, Resonance, RSVP*, and *Billy Turner's Secret*. (6:30pm, $6.50)

• **You're a Big Girl Now: Lesbian Shorts 2** (USA/Gr. Brt./Aust.)
From comedy to tragedy, through a variety of topics and genres these short films sample the wide diversity of lesbian filmmaking. Titles: *Monique, Ife', Eerie, After the Break, The Village Idiot, The Waving Fork, Maya, Amelia Rose Towers*, and *The Standard of Living*. (9pm, $6.50)

Sunday, June 20

CASTRO THEATRE

• **Deaf Heaven** (USA)
Three films by Jewish lesbian and gay filmmakers, including Steve Levitt's *Deaf Heaven* which offers the clearest and strongest comparison yet between the AIDS pandemic and the Holocaust. Plays with shorts *Seth's Aunts, I Will Not Think About Death Anymore, Chicks in White Satin, Harold and Hiroshi*. (noon, $5)

• **Twinkle** (Japan)
A breezy, sophisticated comedy about a marriage of convenience between a handsome gay doctor and a translator with a drinking problem. Plus *Faeriefilm*. (2:15pm, $5)

• **Vera** (Brazil)
Vera is the story of a young woman who is convinced that she is a man. Plus *Intrepidissima*. (4:30pm, $5)

• **For a Lost Soldier**
See June 18 listing, Towne. (7pm, $6)

• **The Farewell**
See June 19 listing, Towne. (9pm, $6)

ROXIE CINEMA

• **British TV**
From British television, two films about British transvestism, *Black Bag: Gender Bender* and *A Little Bit of Lippy*. (12 noon, $5)

• **This Body Speaks** (USA/Gr. Brt.)
The works in this program range from lighthearted reflections to jarring indictments. These are women's bodies—in celebration, in revolt, in pain and in joy. (2:15pm, $5)

• **Feed Them to the Cannibals** (Australia)
The colorful story of a year in lesbian and gay life in Sydney, Australia, both backstage and on the streets. Plus: *I'll Show You* and *Madame Simone*. (4:15pm, $5)

• **Slight Fever of a 20-Year-Old**
See June 19 listing, Towne. (6:30pm, $6)

• **Kids in the Hall** (Canada)
Critic and admitted fan B. Ruby Rich introduces you to the very best (and queerest) of the Kids' first five seasons. (9pm, $6)

UC EXTENSION

• **Panel: Funding for Artists**
Frameline and Film Arts Foundation present a panel on funding for lesbian and gay film and video makers. Whether you've just picked up your first camera, or you have enough grant rejection letters to wallpaper your apartment, this free discussion will review effective strategies for financing your next project. (2pm, free)

SF ART INSTITUTE

• **Experimental Sampler** (USA/Germany)
Fifteen experimental films in a program which seeks to break the limits of expression. Titles: *Mark Called, Black Body, Put Your Lips Around Yes, Mother's Hands, The Death of Dottie Love, Pubic Beard, Sewing on Breast, A Dance With A Body, Mondays, The Heart of Seduction, Hard to Swallow, My New Lover, Drag on a Fag, Beneath the Surface* and *Fontrella's Box. (8pm, $6)*

PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE

• **Real Girls and Boys** (USA/Canada)
Both in front of and behind the camera, lesbian and gay youth tell their own stories. Plus *Homoteens, Fresh Talk* and *Girl Power*. (5pm, $5)

• **The Otherness Machine** (USA)
Quentin Lee, a.k.a. Quentina De Cat, a young, diasporic artist (Hong Kong born, Canadian citizen, Berkeley educated), has turned the camcorder on himself in an attempt to stake out some psychic turf in a life under siege. Plus shorts. (7pm, $6)

• **One Nation Under God**
See June 19 listing, Castro. (8:45pm, $6)

TOWNE 3 THEATRE

• **The Silent Thrush**
See June 19 listing, Castro. (2pm, $3.50)

• **Boys Just Want Fun**
See June 19 listing, Castro. (4:15pm, $6.50)

• **Lesbian Love Stories** (USA/Gr. Brt.)
Both comedic and sad, four films (*Minor Disturbances, A Common Flower, Things We Said Today* and *Lune*) tell the stories of lesbians both finding and losing love. (6:30pm, $6.50)

• **Prince in Hell** (Germany)
A hard-hitting parable about post-reunification Berlin in which a youthful, disenchanted queer trio screw each other, then screw each other over. Plus *Saint Mulekicker*. (9pm, $6.50)

Monday, June 21

CASTRO THEATRE

• **Mala Noche**
See June 18 listing, Castro. (2:30pm, $5)

• **Confession of a Pretty Lady**
See June 19, Castro. (4:30pm, $5).

• **Okogel** (Japan)
A campy Japanese romp about a lovely young girl's friendship with a handsome gay man and his corporate closeted married lover. (6:45pm, $6)

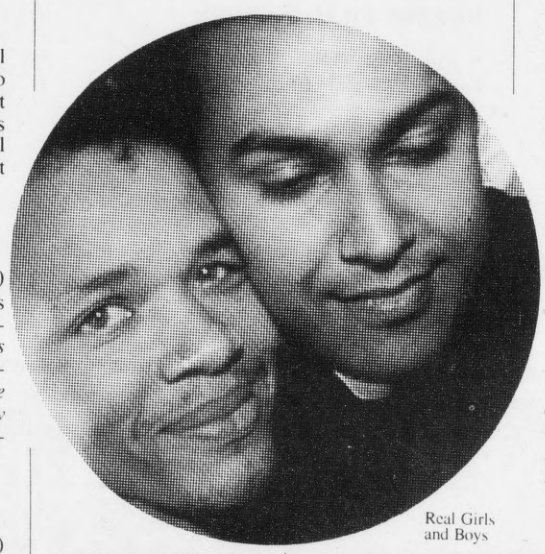
• **You're a Big Girl Now**
See June 19 listing, Towne. (9:15pm, $6)

ROXIE CINEMA

• **Veado Visoes** (Brazil/Cuba)
A program of new Cuban and Brazilian works including *Seams*, in which queer videomaker Karim Ainouz pays a visit to his five Brazilian great aunts, each of whom relates stories about romance, marriage, suffering and survival in a man's world. (5:30pm, $6)

• **Girl Squad** (USA/Gr. Brt.)
A power-packed program of 11 shorts about what girls have on their minds, including *Girl Power* the latest from pixel vision sweetheart Sadie Benning. Other titles: *8mm Lesbian Love Film, What's In A Name, Rough Outrageous, Bittersweet, Bitter Strength: Sadistic Response Version, The Great Dykes of Holland, I Never Danced The Way Girls Were Supposed To, Guess Who's Coming to Visit, A Good Dyke Gone Mad*, and *She Can Probably Fix It*. (7:15pm, $6)

• **(Mis)leading Ladies and Self Made Men** (USA)
Kate Bornstein and Daniel Mangin team up for an engaging evening of clips and commentary of transgender representation throughout the century. (9:30pm, $6)


Real Girls and Boys

EYE GALLERY

• **D-DAY 1**
Fifteen queer documentaries run all day, noon to 8pm, free.

TOWNE 3 THEATRE

• **Boys Don't Cry** (Gr. Brt./France/USA/Peru)
This men's shorts sampler accentuates the contemplative. Each of these five films says something about the things that cause us pain. Titles: *Between Two Worlds, Both, In Plain View, Danny* and *Deaf Heaven*. (6:30pm, $6.50)

• **Neo-Lesbo Cinema**
See June 19 listing, Castro. (8:45pm, $6.50)

Tuesday, June 22

CASTRO THEATRE

• **The Last Island** (The Netherlands)
An uncompromising indictment of male power and privilege, *The Last Island* tells the gripping story of two women and five women struggling to survive after their plane crashes on a desert island. Plus *Our Gay Brothers*. (2:30pm, $5)

• **Lesbian Love Stories**
See June 20 listing, Towne. (5pm, $6)

• **Being At Home with Claude** (Canada)
An intense conversation between a gay outlaw and the voice of a shocked society, *Being at Home With Claude* follows a police investigator's questioning of a hustler who confesses to murder. Plays with *PMS (Positioning My Sexuality)*. (7:15pm, $6)

• **Evening with Pratibha Parmar**
A tribute to this year's Frameline Award recipient, British-based, South Asian lesbian filmmaker Pratibha Parmar. Several of her works will be screened including her latest *Double The Trouble*, a unique and powerful docudrama exploring the experiences of disabled lesbians and gay men. (9:30pm, $6)

ROXIE CINEMA

• **Southern Exposures** (USA/Hong Kong/Canada)
A collection of engaging narrative tapes by gay and lesbian video-makers of South and South-East Asian origin. Titles: *Fly That Friendly Sky, Song of the Goddess, To Ride a Cow, Two or Three Things I Know About Them, Wild woman of the Woods, Beyond/Body/Memory*. (5:30pm, $6)

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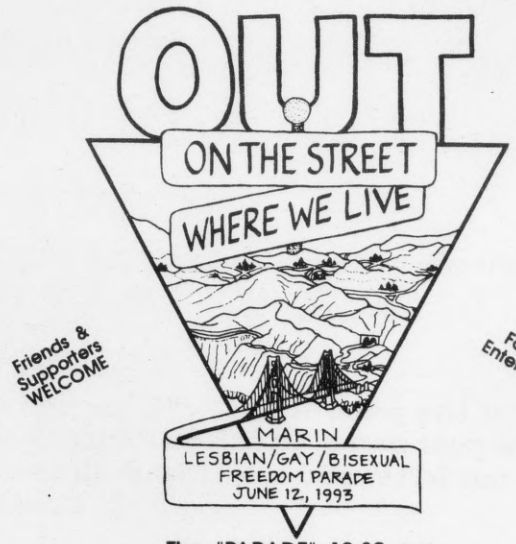

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• **Occupied Territories** (Canada)
Six gutsy works—some experimental—from young Jewish lesbian and gay videomakers. Titles: *Tomboychik, 6 Million and One, Oy Gay, Searching for Contact, and Kitchen.* (7:30pm, $6)

• **Diamanda Galas/Tim Miller** (USA)
Two videos on two of the strongest voices in American avant garde performance art. (9:30pm, $6)

EYE GALLERY

• **D-DAY 2**
Fifteen queer documentaries continue to screen all day, from noon to 8pm, free.

TOWNE 3 THEATRE

• **One Nation Under God**
See June 19 listing, Castro. (6:45pm, $6.50)

• **Twinkle**
See June 20 listing, Castro. (8:45pm, $6.50)

Wednesday, June 23

CASTRO THEATRE

• **The Silent Thrush**
See June 19 listing, Castro. (2:30pm, $5).

• **Turnabout/The Lady in Waiting** (USA)
Turnabout is the amazing story of the Yale Puppeteers, three gay men who travelled through America for more than 70 years with their unique puppets and satirical songs. *The Lady in Waiting* is Christian Taylor's Oscar-nominated short about a meeting between a proper English woman and a black drag queen during the great New York blackout. (5pm, $6)

• **Neo-Lesbo Cinema**
See June 19 listing, Castro. (7pm, $6)

• **Prince in Hell**
See June 20 listing, Towne. (9:15pm, $6)

ROXIE CINEMA

• **Uncommon Women** (USA/Gr. Brt.)
Here's a collection of remarkable women beginning with the Oscar-nominated *Beyond Imagining: Margaret Anderson and the Little Review*. Also: *One the Road with Two Nice Girls; My Courbet... Or, A Beaver Tale; A Cosmic Demonstration of Sexuality;* and *Working Class Dykes From Hell*. (5:30pm, $6)

• **Global Meanings** (Israel)
This program of five premiere works from Israel includes two early works by the late Amos Guttman, Israel's only out, successful gay Feature filmmaker. (7:30pm, $6)

• **Girl Squad**
See June 21 listing, Roxie. (9:30pm, $6)

SF ART INSTITUTE

• **Four by Hiroyuki** (Japan)
Four films—*Colour Wind, Landscape Catching, Melody for Buddy Matsumae, and Colour Eyes*—from Japan's premier gay experimental filmmaker. (7:30pm, $6)

EYE GALLERY

• **D-DAY 1**
See June 21 listing, Eye Gallery. (noon-8pm, free)

PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE

• **Kids in the Hall**
See June 20 listing, Roxie. (7pm, $6)

• **Joe Joe**
See June 19 listing, Roxie. (9:15pm, $6)

TOWNE 3 THEATRE

• **Mala Noche**
See June 18 listing, Castro. (6:45pm, $6.50)

• **Belle**
See June 19 listing, PFA. (8:45pm, $6.50)

Thursday, June 24

CASTRO THEATRE

• **You're a Big Girl Now**
See June 19 listing, Towne. (12 noon, $5)

• **Prince in Hell**
See June 20 listing, Towne. (2:30pm, $5)

• **Sistah Action!** (USA/Gr. Brt.)
A compelling evening of films and videos by eight lesbians of color curated by filmmaker Aarin Burch. Titles: *Monique, Monsoon, I Never Danced the Way Girls Were Supposed To, Safe Sister, Sister in the Life, Bitter Strength, A Cosmic Demonstreation of Sexuality, Love Beneath a Neon Sky,* and *The Potluck and the Passion.* (5pm, $6)

• **Smoke** (USA)
Deeply moving and personal *Smoke* uses minimal language, a stylized vision, and icons drawn from a Roman Catholic childhood to construct a dark and penetrating dream. With *Dram A40.* (7:15pm, $6)

• **1st Gay Erotic Video Awards**
A steamy, voyeuristic evening, with an Academy Awards-style show featuring the best of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation's Homo Home Video: The Gay Men's Erotic Safe Sex Video Contest. Excerpts: *The Package, Safety In Numbers, I'm Gonna Eat Worms, Evil Thoughts,* and *Bi-Ways.* (9:30pm, $6)

ROXIE CINEMA

• **Melancholy Baby** (USA/Grt. Brt.)
Five surprising stories about gay men experiencing love and pain. (5:30pm, $6)

• **Uncommon Women**
See June 23 listing, Roxie. (7:45pm, $6)

• **Enchanted** (Germany)
The horrors of life in Hamburg, Germany during the '40s and '50s are related in interviews with thirteen gay men and lesbians. With *Lorenza.* (9:30pm, $6)

UC EXTENSION

• **Panel: Sistah Said What?**
Dawn Suggs, Desi del Valle, Azian Nurudin, Pratibha Parmar and Yvonne Welbon will talk about their personal motivations and agendas for making media. (7:30pm, free)

EYE GALLERY

• **D-DAY 2**
See June 22 listing, Eye Gallery. (noon-8pm, free)

PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE

• **(Mis)leading Lades and Self Made Men**
See June 21 listing, Roxie. (7pm, $6).

• **Funeral Parade of Roses** (Japan)
A rare archival screening of the "scandalous" feature offers a sensational depiction of the gay demimonde as it existed in the Tokyo of the late '60s. With *Boy with Cat.* (9:15pm, $6)

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• **Amazing Grace** (Israel)
A naive Israeli teenager falls in love with a 30ish HIV-positive musician in Amos Gutman's wry, melancholy *Amazing Grace.* Winner of the Best Feature award at the 1992 Jerusalem Independent Film Festival. Short: *The Dance.* (6:30pm, $6.50)

• **Confession of a Pretty Lady**
See June 19 listing, Castro. (8:45pm, $6.50)

Friday, June 25

CASTRO THEATRE

• **Lesbian Love Stories**
See June 20 listing, Towne. (12 noon, $5)

• **Boys Don't Cry**
See June 21 listing, Towne. (2:15pm, $5)

• **The Farewell**
See June 19 listing, Towne. (4:30pm, $5)

• **The East is Red** (Hong Kong)
Hong Kong cinema's gender bending camp continues in this wild live action comic book. Stunning actress, Brigitte Lin plays Asia the man turned woman bent on ruling the empire and getting the girl. Short: *P(l)ain Truth.* (6:30pm, $6)

• **Surprise Sneak Preview**
We can't tell you what it is but we can assure you that it's one of the most eagerly-awaited new North American gay-made features in a long time. (9pm, $6)

• **Norman, Is That You?** (USA)
A retrospective screening of the 1976 pro-gay comedy. (11:15pm, $5)

Prince in Hell

ROXIE CINEMA

• **Encore Screening**
A special by-demand repeat of a festival favorite; check with festival ticket outlets after June 19. (4pm, $5)

• **Maybe I Can Give You Sex?** (Philippines)
Five works by gay independent Filipino filmmakers whose works speak eloquently to the socio-economic and AIDS crises of their country. (6pm, $6)

• **British TV**
See June 20 listing, Roxie. (8pm, $6)

• **She's Safe**
See June 19 listing, Roxie. (10pm, $6)

A DIFFERENT LIGHT BOOKSTORE

• **Panel: Queer Looks**
An open discussion with some of this year's many visiting film and videomakers, many of whom are contributors to the new anthology *Queer Looks*, a book of 35 essays on the state of international lesbian and gay media. (5pm, free)

EYE GALLERY

• **D-Day 1**
See June 21 listing, Eye Gallery. (noon-8pm, free)

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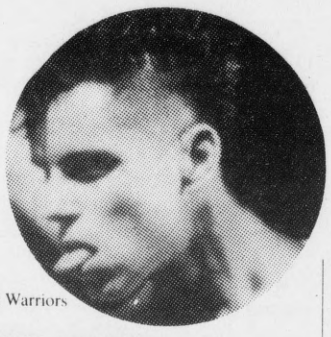

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PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE

• **Cover Stories** (Gr Brt, USA, Aust, Can)
Seven pieces—*the Attendant, Black Body, The Wrong Son, I'll Show You, Victor, Disappearing Act,* and *The Fairy Who Didn't Want to Be A Fairy Anymore*—look at various aspects of gay male identity construction. From Great Britain, USA, Australia and Canada. (7pm, $6)

• **Mala Noche**
See June 18 listing, Castro. (9:30pm, $6)

Saturday, June 26

CASTRO THEATRE

• **Among Men** (Germany)
A package of five boy's stories by Wielend Speck who made the 1987 gay favorite *Westler: East of the Wall.* (11am, $5)

• **The Last Island**
See June 22 listing, Castro. (12:45pm, $5)

• **Amazing Grace**
See June 24 listing, Castro. (3pm, $5)

• **Belle**
See June 19 listing, PFA. (5:15pm, $6)

• **Grief** (USA)
The festival's closing night film is a bittersweet comedy set behind the scenes of a bad daytime soap opera. With *The Fairy Who Didn't Want to Be A Fairy Anymore.* (7:30pm, $7)

ROXIE CINEMA

• **Girl Squad**
See June 21 listing. (12 noon, $5)

• **Body of Evidence** (USA/Canada)
Cholo Joto, Media Blackmale, Cities of Lust, Black Body, Disappearing Act and *Victor.* Six new videos by Latino & African-American filmmakers. (2pm, $5)

• **Melancholy Baby Remix** (USA/Gr. Brt.)
Five surprising stories about gay men experiencing love and pain. (4pm, $5)

• **Women Like That** (Gr. Britain)
Three films, *Women Like That, West Coast Crones* and *A Common Flower* focus on the lives of older lesbians. (6:15pm, $6)

• **Slight Fever of a 20-Year-Old**
See June 19 listing, Towne. (8:15pm, $6)

• **Love Me, Leave Me, Slap Me, Pierce Me...But Make It Short**
See June 19 listing, Roxie. (10:30pm, $6)

AMC KABUKI THEATRE

• **The Wedding Banquet** (Taiwan)
A delightful comedy from Taiwan about the conflict between modern sexual and social values and old-world traditions. (11am, $5)

BAY AREA VIDEO COALITION

• **Open House at BAVC**
The Bay Area Video Coalition invites all lesbian and gay film and videomakers to attend an Open House featuring demonstrations. Please call Leanne Lempinen at 415-861-3282. (noon-4pm, free)

EYE GALLERY

• **D-Day 2**
See June 22 listing, Eye Gallery. (noon-8pm, free)

PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE

• **Agora** (USA)
Social conformity becomes psychological incarceration as five desperate people seek refuge in a bland Midwestern motel. Plus: *Put Your Lips Around Yes.* (5:30pm, $6)

• **Girl Power** (USA)
Tempted, Peach, Things We Said Today, Out On the Road with 2 Nice Girls and *Amelia Rose Towers*: Some of the most evocative new shorts by and about lesbians. (7:30pm, $6)

• **Vera**
See June 20 listing, Castro. (9:30pm, $6)

Sunday, June 27

ROXIE CINEMA

• **Being Blue** (Russia and USA)
Kiev Blue and *To My Women Friends*, two new documentaries that tell the joys and hardships of being lesbian and gay in Russia. (5pm, $5)

• **Real Girls and Boys**
See June 20 listing, PFA. (7pm, $6)

• **Out for Laughs**
Queer comics and queer comedy as you've never seen it before. (9pm, $6) ✿

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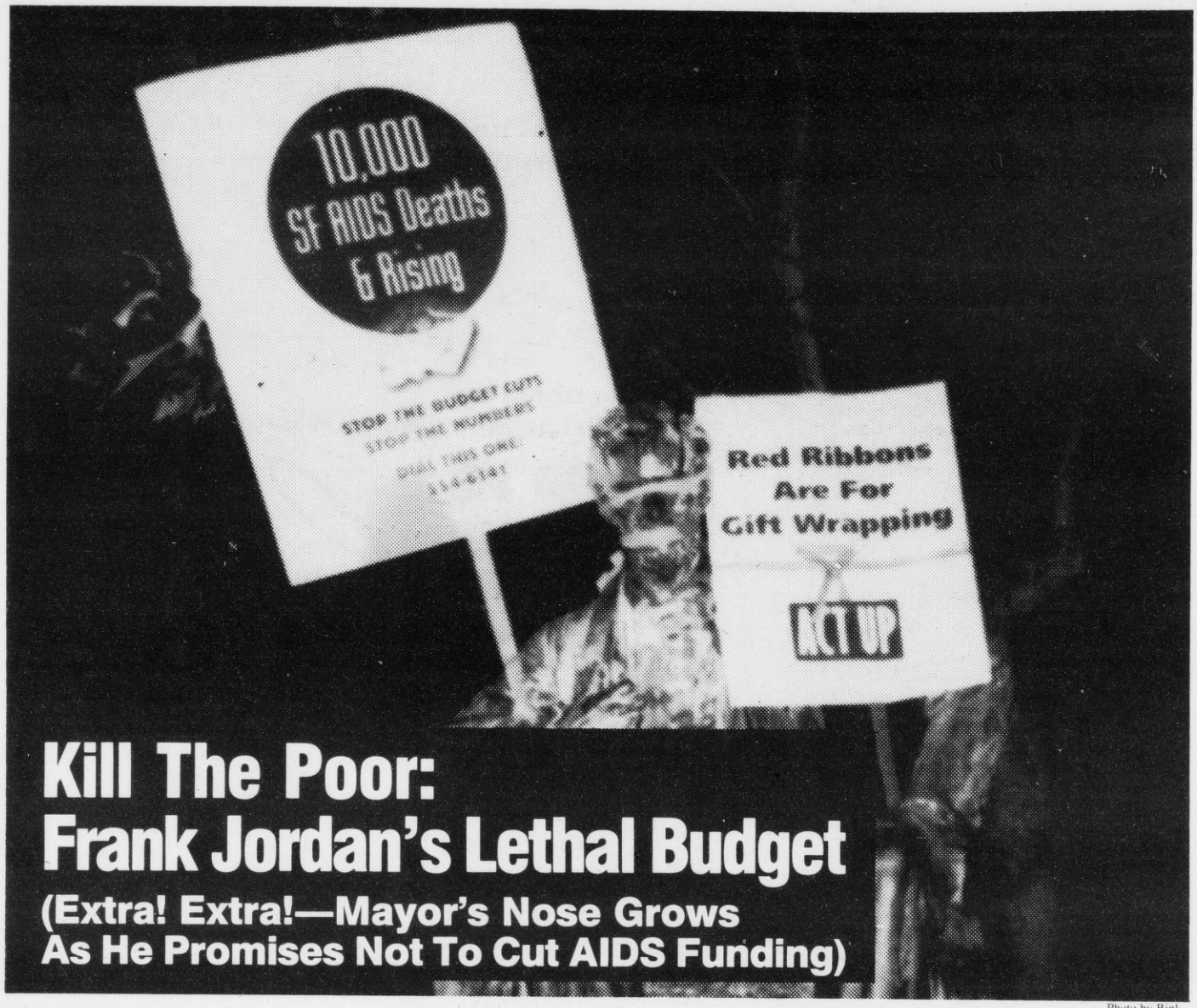

Kill The Poor: Frank Jordan's Lethal Budget

(Extra! Extra!—Mayor's Nose Grows As He Promises Not To Cut AIDS Funding)

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by Tim Kingston

"The City would just save time and money by going out and buying automatic weapons and shooting the poor. That would be in keeping with the Mayor's budget," snapped veteran AIDS activist Eric Ciasullo. The final straw for Ciasullo came when he learned on May 24 that Mayor Frank Jordan wanted $32 million taken out of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) budget. To add insult to injury, the Department was given *24 hours* to make the cutbacks—and that was on top of $56 million in reductions already pledged by DPH last month—bringing the total to a whopping $88 million in reductions to public health spending.

While the DPH is told to cut its General Fund request nearly in half, other City departments have had their budgets reduced by much smaller proportions—between 12 and 16 percent. Comparatively, the DPH is being asked to sacrifice over 30 percent more than other City departments. Does anyone remember the always-expanding AIDS epidemic?

"I am worried that [the cuts] mean dismantling the public health system," says DPH director Ray Baxter. He asks, "Are we staying in control of the process and making the best judgments? Or are we just becoming instruments of the destruction of the system?"

Jordan's $2.6 billion budget calls for 1,478 layoffs throughout the City, over 700 at DPH alone. "People with mental illness will go untreated; sick people will wait much longer to get health care," says Ciasullo. "It makes me feel very hopeless and very desperate."

A preliminary version of Mayor Jordan's budget was presented late on June 1, but a final vote by the Board of Supervisors is not required until July 19. If DPH cutbacks are ultimately approved by the Board, both San Francisco General Hospital's (SFGH) world-renowned AIDS Program will face extinction and the hospital itself may face closure, say senior DPH Officials.

"This represents the demolition of the San Francisco [AIDS] model," fumed Dr. John Stansell, medical director of in-patient AIDS services at SFGH.

And this year no one sees any last minute budget-saving rabbits being pulled out of any hats, as has happened in past years.

Mayor Jordan's meat cleaver will devastate *every* aspect of health care in the City. Despite pious statements about protecting people with AIDS and HIV by the Mayor, there will be daunting hits on AIDS programs.

At least four district Health Centers will be closed. Three hundred beds will be lost at Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) nursing facility. That cut will bring nursing transfers to LHH from General to a standstill. SFGH is losing 42 beds as well. In- and out-patient AIDS care will be hacked. On top of that, Health and AIDS education funding for youth is being decimated.

That's not all. *All* clinics at SFGH face 40-to-60 percent reductions in funding. Only the emergency room and pediatrics remain untouched.

Mental health care will barely exist; its budget is being cut by $10 million. Mental health "day treatment" programs will be a thing of the past, as will virtually all homeless programs. No City support for indigent care at the Haight Ashbury, Lyon-Martin and Mission Neighborhood clinics will exist. Bayview Hunters Point Foundation faces cuts equal to 15 percent of its total budget. Ward 93, the heroin detox unit, will shut, as will many substance abuse programs—good luck in getting that monkey off your back!

"The system will be tighter than a drum," says Baxter. "We are trying to figure out how to preserve some modicum of basic primary care: basic public health, immunizing children, some of the HIV care, and a little bit of prevention. It is not much, but it will preserve a bit of that. All that will be left is emergency and institutional care," Baxter adds. He also cites statistics in cities where comparable cuts have been made, saying, "There are documented increases in morbidity." That is, cuts kill.

MAYOR KRUEGER: CUT! HACK! TEAR! DISMEMBER!

"The health department is clearly carrying an unfair burden," declared Board President Angela Alioto, denouncing on May 26 what some call the Mayor's "slash and burn" approach. Other critics charge the Mayor is balancing his $200 million-plus budget deficit on the backs of the DPH and the poor, the sick and the infirm of San Francisco.

Jordan's office rejects such accusations. Mayoral press secretary Noah Griffin says health care has been hit hardest because "no other department has grown as much as the DPH. There are seven major departments, and if you don't cut health you cut social services" or another major department.

Griffin adds, "You cannot create money when there is no money. San Francisco provides [health] services that are 90 percent above the baseline. We don't have any money. We have to look at cuts."

That logic sends SFGH AIDS medical care director Dr. Stansell into orbit. "It is ridiculous! It is absurd! It is the same muddle-headed thinking we had in the Reagan administration. It is the same retrogressive thinking that led to the gutting of TB programs in New York. Now you are see-

A Penny Saved, A Dollar Spurned:

"The Multiplier Effect" Costs Millions More

One little known, yet misery-inducing, aspect of Jordan's city-wide cuts is what is known as the multiplier effect. And it is making Ray Baxter, director of the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and all the other City department heads very miserable indeed. Explained simply, when you cut one dollar of city funding, several dollars worth of other programs are often lost.

Translated, this means Jordan's cuts are going inordinately damage health care and social services in San Francisco.

For example: The Department of Social Services will lay off 116 staff, supposedly saving the City $1.7 million. But in doing so, DSS programs lose a total of $3.7 million in funding contracts underwritten by matching Federal and State sources.

The multiplier effect will have severe consequences at the DPH. Since only 27 percent of DPH funding comes from City funding, the rest is covered by federal, state and private research grants, as well as self-generated revenue. Thus, any City funding cuts have a domino effect regarding federal, state and local revenue generation.

"In the last five years, the DPH has made an effort to be self-sufficient and less dependent on general funds," says John Aron, supervisor of outpatient registration at SFGH. "So now if you cut $1 [from general funds], you have to cut $4 to $5 elsewhere."

Damage reports are already coming in. On March 27 the DPH announced that the City has fallen $15 million below its state "maintenance of effort" requirement, triggering an immediate loss of $11 million in tobacco tax income. That loss has not been translated into service cuts—yet.

The same sort of maintenance-of-effort requirements are necessary to receive Ryan White funding. This means $31 million in Ryan White Funding may also be threatened. (That is not to mention what will happen on a state level if Wilson cuts AIDS funding.)

Some Ryan White funding is already directly on the executioner's block, says Care Council member Jerry Windley. He says the Care Council, which administers disbursements of federal Ryan White AIDS funding, has been very successful at pumping Ryan White money into Health Center Two for new HIV programs. But if that clinic, located in the Western Addition, shuts, then all that money disappears.

Health Center Two has become a successful HIV overflow clinic for Health Center One and SFGH. Located in the Western Addition, it is accessible to the African American community there. But, it is now slated for closure. In addition, the Bayview Hunters Point Foundation, serving the African American community in the Bayview area, is losing over $1 million of mental health, drug treatment and youth programs—15 percent of its total budget. Gerald Lenior, director of the Black Coalition on AIDS, says the planned cuts—be it Health Center Two, substance abuse or mental health—will have a "disproportionate" and "devastating impact on the African American community."

The multiplier strikes in other ways. The loss of 300 beds at Laguna Honda will save the City $2 million. But it also guarantees a loss of $20 million in matching funds for the DPH. There will be no room for new patients who need nursing care at LHH. Consequently, patients not discharged from SFGH will fill desperately needed beds.

And it gets worse, still. According to Dr. Paul Volberding, director of the AIDS Program at SFGH, AIDS research funds are also threatened. If the budget cuts reduce the number of patients with AIDS and HIV being treated at SFGH, this reduces the number of patients in clinical trials. Thus, AIDS Clinical Trial Group funding could be cut.

"It is not painting an overly dramatic picture to say that the entire structure of the AIDS program at SFGH is very threatened by this. The whole thing could fall apart," says a pained Dr. Volberding. "We can't understand it, because we have done such a good job." But maybe the Mayor's office does not care how good a job is done by the DPH, says BCA's Lenior: "What they care about has everything to do with the bottom line, and nothing to do with serving the people."

ing a burgeoning TB epidemic on the East Coast. People don't realize: You pay now or you pay later!''

Mayor Jordan has repeatedly said that he has no choice but to cut the DPH's budget. Throughout the month Jordan has asserted that he is caught between the fiscal needs of the DPH budget and Gov. Wilson's property tax grab, which drains San Francisco's coffers.

In a May 26 statement, responding to Alioto's criticism, Jordan complained: ''The simple fact is, Health Service growth has far outpaced our ability to pay for it. State cuts have made our funding situation impossible. Ten years ago, the DPH budget was at $250 million. Today it is well over $600 million....Growth in other departments remained relatively flat.''

Critics don't buy it. They suspect the Mayor and his backers are itching to slash San Francisco's health and social services network. One normally reliable source bolsters those suspicions with a description of a May 24 meeting where the Mayor gave department heads 24 hours to come up with drastic cuts. That source says Mayoral aide Jim Wunderman used the word ''destructuring'' to describe the budget process. Wunderman allegedly added, ''You won't recognize your departments when we are finished.'' The Mayor's office has not responded to a request for confirmation of the comment.

In current inflationary dollars, the health budget has indeed exploded as compared to past budgets. Yet the ''real'' dollar amount of DPH's 1983-84 budget had significantly more purchasing power than the 1993 dollar budget, says DPH director Baxter. To match the $67 million purchasing-power of the 1983-84 budget, the City would need to spend $174 million today.

''We are looking at a budget significantly lower, in real terms, to what we had before the AIDS epidemic,'' says Baxter, adding tartly, ''It hardly seems that costs are out of control.''

HEALTH BUDGET?
THE GOVERNOR ATE IT. NO REALLY! WOOF!

According to Jordan, the other cleaver shredding the budget is Gov. Wilson's property tax grab. Wilson's move will take hundreds of millions of dollars away from California cities and counties, putting county revenues in the State's budget.

Jordan's office singled out Wilson's property tax shift as the primary cause of the additional $32 million cut demanded of the DPH. Some estimate that Gov. Wilson's pilfering could cost San Francisco over $100 million.

San Francisco Controller Ed Harrington says the Jordan administration is also suffering from recession-driven tax shortfalls. ''[Last year] we finished with a balance of $110,000 for the entire City. Three years ago it was $51 million. No Mayor could do something...positive under that set of circumstances,'' says Harrington.

Off-the-record, things are different. Senior staff—including two department directors—at five City departments acknowledge the State's role in the crisis. But they also suggest that budgetary woes are due to incompetence and inexperience.

Senior departmental staff say budget deadlines have never been met, adding that the Mayor's budget process is ''chaotic'' at best. When *SF Bay Times* suggested ineptitude is part of the Mayor's problem, Press secretary Griffin replied, ''You seem to be arguing an advocacy position.''

An administrative source close to the budget process says the Mayor's office has known about the funding shortage for six months. ''They have been hoping there would be something to take care of it. Whatever they were hoping for has not materialized.''

That source believes the Mayor anticipated large union give-backs. But an arbitration agreement won by Locals 535, 790 and 250 on May 24 shot that idea out of the sky. As a result, huge ''last-minute'' cuts are looming.

''I have never experienced major decisions being made as late in the game as they have been and with less effective communication,'' says one department director. Another says, ''There is always the question. Do they really know what they are doing? I know they are slashing, but I

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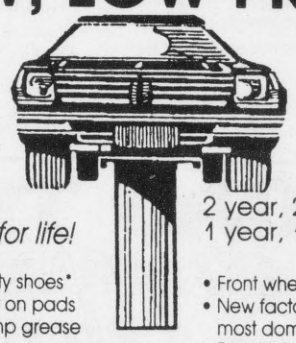

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don't think they know what they are slashing."

Other department sources say there are several instances where departments were told to make cuts that were then reversed. The monies were often reinstated when department staff patiently explained to the Mayor's office that the pruning would lose the City more money than it would save. This is precisely what happened when Muni was told to dump its Community Affairs department, saving $1.5 million. The problem is that department brings in $2.9 million in annual revenue!

An unclear-on-the-concept award *must* go to the genius in the Mayor's office who told the Civil Service Commission to lay off its special lay-off team. Wendall Pryor, general manager of the Civil Service Commission, protested the move and got the lay-off team a reprieve, until September. At that time, after laying everyone else off, they are supposed to lay themselves off. Asked if human nature [and revenge] might preclude the team from doing the most effective job possible, Pryor carefully responded, "The people assigned to lay-offs will be competent. But I cannot respond to what human nature will dictate."

AIDS, DEATH AND THE MAYOR

"Mayor Jordan is lying. He is lying to the sick. He is lying to the disenfranchised. He lying to the people of San Francisco by saying that no AIDS services will be cut," declared Matthew Sharp of ACT UP/Golden Gate at Supervisor Alioto's May 26 press conference.

In total, $1.2 million of AIDS programs are being cut, says Dr. Mitch Katz, director of the SF AIDS office.

The cuts include a 50 percent drop in funding for the AIDS food bank, the elimination of all HIV peer support-group funding, cuts in psychosocial services for people with HIV and AIDS, and the loss of AIDS education and prevention services. There will also be a 20 percent cut of in-home psychosocial counseling and health care, and hospice funding.

"Thousands will be affected," says Dr. Katz. He says losing a million dollars in direct programs is bad, but says the AIDS-related out- and inpatient cuts at SFGH and District Health Centers are far worse. (See accompanying Dave Gilden article.)

At the SF AIDS office, too, there will be repercussions. Due to the total number of layoffs in City services, employees with seniority who lose their positions elsewhere could wind up bumping less-senior and "temporary" employees out of the AIDS office. Thus staff familiar with the epidemic could be replaced with City workers who know little about AIDS.

"It is scary. We are all pretty nervous," says Candice Collins of the AIDS Office housing program. She adds, though, that SF AIDS office administrators are trying to protect staff familiar with AIDS.

According to Connie Wofsy, acting medical director of AIDS outpatient Ward 86, the cuts will destroy the out- and inpatient medical infrastructure for people with AIDS and HIV. That synergistic structure also allows for better research, which makes Ward 86 and the AIDS program a "national flagship" in both clinical care and academic research. The flagship will be scuttled if Jordan's cuts go through.

"We have already had cuts," says Sharp. "But the real hidden cuts come in mental health, substance abuse, and administrative cuts that do affect PWAs."

Sharp says, "These cuts will put people on the streets. They will put people that don't have anywhere to go in a serious situation. And they are going to die. That is the bottom line."

ONTO THE STREETS AND IN YOUR FACE: MENTAL HEALTH/SUBSTANCE ABUSE CUTS

The $10 million of cuts to the City's mental health system are nothing short of catastrophic. Service will be shut off to half the DPH's 4,000 mental health clients, and a third of the department's 9,000 substance abuse clients. And when they run into trouble and seek emergency help at SFGH—well, surprise, surprise. Psych-emergency services will be cut in half. Even the suicide line is being shut down.

"The consequences are increased arrests, increased numbers in jail and an increased number of people coming into the hospital due to associated illnesses," says Wayne Clarke, director of Community Substance Abuse Services (CSAS).

Clarke says there will be an increased potential for HIV and TB infection and an increase in traumatic injuries and self-medication. He adds, "There will be an increase of those who are in the streets and in your face."

Two million dollars in residential housing for the mentally ill will be defunded as well. Fifty beds at the Napa State Mental Institution will be lost. Those individuals are likely to end up either in what little Psych-emergency is left at SFGH or, as is more likely, on the streets.

Over $1 million of homeless programs face the axe—including Mayor Jordan's only homeless initiative: the Mobile Assistance Program. $3.5 million of mental health "day treatment" services

Women's Action Coalition (WAC) in Jordan's office: No cuts to Rape Crisis Center at SF General. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

and methadone detox programs are also being cut. The result? The homeless population will swell dramatically.

"It is clear that the Mayor's office is no longer concerned about creating additional homelessnees," charges Alex Vitale of the Coalition on Homelessness. "Whether or not they are targeting the homeless is irrelevant. The programs are being eliminated, and services to prevent homelessness are being eliminated."

Drug addiction programs are also being smoked. The cuts will "completely eliminate heroin detox at SFGH," states Dr. Steven Batki, director of SFGH's substance abuse services. Dr. Batki says that the closure of SFGH's Ward 93 heroin detox ward will result in 23,000 additional days of heroin use in San Francisco. That is based on the 1,400 admissions per year that will be turned away from Ward 93. That figure does not include the other few hundred methadone clients who will lose their programs too.

"When you turn 2,000 people...loose on the streets, with no access to methadone, then a predictable number of them go back to heroin," explains Dr. John Rouse, a psychiatrist at SFGH. "If they don't have the money to get heroin, they turn tricks for it, or they rob people," he adds.

Upon learning that Walden House, a nationally-acclaimed residential treatment program, will be decimated, Dr. Mark Leary, chief unit psychiatrist at SFGH, snapped: "Oh, that's smart." Leary points out, "The people these programs treat are those with substance abuse that has a major impact on their lives.... If [they] are not getting treatment or recovery, they and the rest of society pay the cost of their health problems, crime problems and other difficulties."

For those of us with a short memory, this systematic decimation comes from a Mayor who declared on May 7 that the "War On Drugs" had failed; a mayor who called on President Clinton to nationally emphasize "prevention, education and rehabilitation."

DEATH OF A HOSPITAL

To put it bluntly, San Francisco General Hospital is in deep shit if the cuts are ultimately approved by the Supervisors. Richard Cordova, executive administrator of SFGH, says that the hospital will lose over 100,000 patient visits per year. That's 50,000 more than the Mayor's office is budgeting for.

"With these types of cuts, the Hospital will slowly deteriorate to a point where it would consider closure," says Cordova.

In addition to all the other cuts mentioned at General—including the 40-to-60 percent reduction in all clinic funding, the following services will also be affected: 14 paramedics face the chop and SFGH's ambulance program will lose $225,000; the SF Rape Treatment Center will be prevented from assisting anyone who doesn't file a police report; and pharmacy services will be withheld from indigents not already on file at the DPH.

Just one example of the unique services that will be lost is shown by what will happen at the Family Health and Refugee Clinic. The clinic staff provides services in over 20 different languages and dialects. If those services are not offered, non-English speaking clients will have nowhere to go. "They will either die or end up in the emergency room with much more severe diseases," says

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AIDS Increasing; Care Decreasing

by Dave Gilden

Last year, when Dr. Paul Volberding, director of AIDS services at San Francisco General Hospital, surveyed the results of cutbacks in San Francisco's health budget, he said, "The AIDS program will survive without massive cuts. But there was a time when we could do a spectacular job. It's frustrating that we can't anymore."

This year, San Francisco's budget crisis has reached the point that the public health department's model AIDS care program is seriously threatened. Volberding feels devastated by the proposed cuts to SF General's Ward 86, the outpatient AIDS clinic. He says, "The facility is saturated. We get 25,000 patient visits a year, and 3,000 to 3,500 of our patients have advanced disease. Our patients are living longer and more have advanced AIDS. They require more care, not less, as do the increasing numbers of people we see who are substance abusers or homeless or have weak support circles."

It is not widely known that two weeks ago San Francisco General officials already were talking about cutting $100,000 from Ward 86. The new round of cuts has upped the figure to at least $500,000. According to head nurse J.B. Molaghan, the ward will lose three full-time physicians, a principal clerk, a phlebotomist for drawing blood, a pharmacist's assistant, a nurse's aide, and a clinic administrator. AIDS clinic hours will be reduced by more than one-third, with one of two evenings eliminated.

People will wait much longer for appointments as a result, and they will be hurried through when their time finally arrives. At present, established patients have to wait three or four weeks for follow-up appointments, and that's with care providers booking ten patients per shift rather than the six they are supposed to.

"Even given the best-case scenario, this is ridiculous," said Molaghan. "Our clinic is crowded right now. We have the same facility we had ten years ago." Other expected service reductions at Ward 86 include the elimination of drop-in appointments for acutely ill patients and the refusal of all new patients.

Seriously ill people with AIDS will have to go to General's emergency room, where they will compete for attention with all the people turned away from the other hospital outpatient clinics experiencing cutbacks. Among their competitors will be the hundreds of people with HIV or AIDS who are now seen by the family and adult medicine clinics mainly because of Ward 86's overcrowding.

There was a plan to take some pressure off Ward 86 by sending new patients with few symptoms of immune deficiency to the District Health Centers for care. Four of those centers are slated to close, however. Carole Migden pushed this proposal through the Board of Supervisors. Her aide, Dana Van Gorder, reports that the idea is now unworkable. "Obviously, the district health center AIDS positions will be eliminated," he said.

Two of the district health centers that will remain open, District Health Center No. 1 in the Castro and Tom Waddell Clinic in the Civic Center, do see a substantial number of AIDS patients. But they also are filled to the brim. Center No. 1 stopped accepting new patients with HIV last year for five months. It resumed after a modest expansion funded by the federal Ryan White Act. Ryan White supports creation of new AIDS care services. Its money is not available to fill in for budget cuts, so that source will not bail out the health centers this time.

When they get sick enough, another place more people with AIDS will turn to for care is San Francisco General's Ward 5A, the in-patient AIDS ward at the hospital. Ward 5A itself is suffering only modest cuts—two currently vacant nursing positions. Still, the ward faces pressure from both ends. Increasing numbers of sick people will require admittance, and there will be fewer places to send those discharged. The City's chronic care facility, Laguna Honda Hospital, is threatened with the loss of 300 beds. Diane Jones, Ward 5A's head nurse, warned, "Our patients won't have anywhere to go when discharged. They will stay on ward, which costs $1,500 per day, even though no one will pay for it." At present, five or six of Ward 5A's 20 beds are occupied by patients who could leave if they had adequate post-hospital support. Since Medi-Cal will not approve such extension of hospital stays, the City has to pick up the tab.

The cuts come at a time when AIDS is burgeoning in the City. A health department report last year predicted that in 1997 there will be 17,000 San Franciscans alive with AIDS. Right now, the health department counts 5,500 San Franciscans living with AIDS. Rather than planning to expand for this growing population, the City is planning to shrink the system it already has. ✿

Mary McCutcheon, nursing manager of the Family Health and Refugee Clinic.

Ditto for the Rape Treatment Center, says Lucinda Ramberg, outreach coordinator for the Center. "If we are not able to offer treatment and testing to people who are raped, they will have to be admitted to the emergency room with full-blown pelvic inflammatory disease. It will cost the City thousands of dollars and will pose a serious risk to that women's reproductive system." She adds, "None of these cuts are cost effective."

Generally, everyone who is refused treatment elsewhere will wind up at the emergency room, says McCutcheon. "The emergency room will become ineffective. You will see 20-hour waits. [It] will be inundated with people who could have gotten prevention care in the community."

If SFGH emergency rooms look bad now, take a trip to Bellevue in New York. See people wait three days for emergency room treatment. That scenario is precisely what DPH director Ray Baxter is most worried about. Baxter worked in New York City's Health Department as it was being dismantled—due to that city's budget crisis. He saw HIV rates soar, and a multiple drug-resistant TB epidemic begin.

This has not happened in San Francisco because the City has maintained its public health infrastructure and its TB prevention and treatment programs, says Baxter. New York did not. Baxter warns, "Look at other cities with measles outbreaks, children dying. That is an outrage. That did not happen here." Yet.

The horrible irony is that, before Jordan's latest round of budget amputations, San Francisco was in the middle of restructuring and gearing up for the managed health care reforms that everyone is hoping will come from the Clinton administration. But because of the pending cuts, all those preparations are on ice. The planning for health care reform is "crippled" in San Francisco, according to internal DPH documents. Senior DPH officials say the Mayor's office is aware of and verbally supports the reform plans. But the cuts belie the words.

"If the City can look 18 months [to the future], there is a potential for national health care that will include reimbursements," says CSAS director Wayne Clarke. "But you need to have the services there. There is light at the end of the tunnel, but they are now walling that off or blowing it up."

ACT UP, FIGHT BACK, OR DIE

"It is unbelievable we are on the brink of this," says Tab Buckner, Milk Club activist. "This city will turn into a death ward on a very large scale."

To stop that from happening, organizing is finally gearing up. The Unions, AIDS activists and the San Francisco Coalition on Public Health Services (CPHS) are all getting involved and calling for demonstrations and massive lobbying efforts on City Hall. Every public health official, supervisor, activist and doctor *SF Bay Times* contacted says it is time to bite the bullet and increase taxes to save the city health services.

The CPHS is calling for increases in the business, hotel and real estate transfer taxes, a required income licensing fee for all those in the City with income over $100,000, and transit and fire-suppression assessment district fees. The Supervisors recently voted down the fire assessment tax complaining that it should not be passed onto tenants, as the Mayor wanted. But that "nay" vote cost between $25 and $30 million in possible revenue. Other proposals are being floated such as a health assessment tax. In addition the unions are taking a hard look at some of the more highly paid city staff.

"Either the Mayor does not get it, or he just does not care," growls Martha Hawthorne, a nurse at Health Center One and a Local 790 shop steward. She says the next time Jordan gets sick she wishes she could make him walk across town, because his Health Center closed and he could not afford the $1.25 Muni fare. Then make him spend the whole night in the SFGH emergency room. "Then he would have to wait three days because his pain medication could not be given to him, because the pharmacy was understaffed," adds Hawthorne. "If if he went through that *one* time, he would be singing a different song."

The Mayor's office did not respond to a written question from *SF Bay Times* asking if Frank Jordan is willing to take personal responsibility for the deaths the health cuts will cause.

This article is dedicated to Bo Huston who died on May 23, 1993; at least he was able to choose his time to leave.

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Roberta's Last Days in SF

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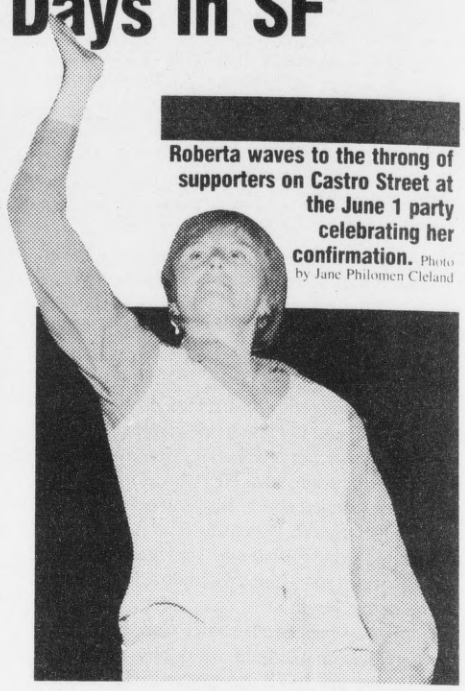

Roberta waves to the throng of supporters on Castro Street at the June 1 party celebrating her confirmation. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Roberta Achtenberg, the recently confirmed Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Department of Housing and Urban Development, is spending her last few days in San Francisco preparing for her impending move to Washington, D.C. *SF Bay Times* caught up with her shortly after her celebratory welcome-home rally held at City Hall. The veteran civil rights attorney, former San Francisco supervisor and one-time dean of the New College School of Law was feted with a street party in the Castro on June 1. She sounded giddy and happy, the triumphal grin apparent in her voice after successfully withstanding the homophobic bile thrown at her by Jesse Helms and the Christian right.

(SF Bay Times) What has your appointment achieved?

(Achtenberg) The first thing I have achieved is I will be the Assistant Secretary and will enforce the fair housing law. It is a fabulous opportunity. It is a very important law that guarantees extremely important rights to people. It is a law that has been neglected for over a dozen years. When I accepted President Clinton's appointment, I did not view this as an opportunity to blaze a trail; I see it as an opportunity for me to be part of a new team that I hope will attempt to rebuild the country. Obviously, it became a much larger issue as things progressed.

It is ironic that up to and including the confirmation hearing held by the banking committee—which somehow seems like a long time ago now—the issue was not me being a lesbian; the issue was my qualifications. They asked me what policy initiatives are needed to deal with mortgage lending discrimination and insurance red-lining that have pervaded the housing industry. That is what those hearings focused on, as they should have.

It was only when certain forces decided to make this an issue, that it became an issue. I wish it hadn't happened, but I have to say this will be seen as a watershed event. It was created, not by Bill Clinton for having chosen me, but by the forces of the right, for having insisted this was a referendum on whether or not those who are otherwise qualified, and happen to be gay and lesbian, should hold high public office. To the extent that they made this into that referendum, they lost.

Is this a case of them shooting themselves in the foot, or have they gained something through this in the long run?

(Sighs) They will never be a majoritarian movement. They need enemies, something to fight against. That was part of their goal, to create me as the cardboard cutout of a person who they could feel happy to throw darts at. In the minds of those distorting my record and treating me as a subhuman or as a non-human, I am sure they thought they were representing their constituency.

Surely the extent to which they galvanized the center of the country against them could not have been to their benefit, and that is what I believe happened. If you pander to the right you also create an enemy that others can rally against.

I suppose they got money and galvanized their forces, but there was also the corresponding extent to which they helped us. So many decent people of all stripes and kinds have called to wish me well, or express their support across the board—every color, every sexual orientation. It will never be quite as bad for the person who comes after me.

I presume you sat with rapt attention during the debate—

No I did not. I did not watch it. Maybe months from now, when this is a bittersweet memory, I will take a look at the tapes that I had my friends make of the Senate debate.

Why didn't you watch?

My job was to be very clear about what was being said, so that I could help my defenders reply truthfully, pointedly and consistently. The way you do that is not sitting by and listening to harangues or mischaracterizations. What we did was to go over the transcript at the end of every evening and try to prepare our defenders for the next day's efforts. That was my job.

What was the strategy for your confirmation?

We recognized early on that this was going to have to be about the senators meeting me and talking with me about the issues and the merits of my appointment. It was also about allaying any fears they might have had, because they are not as familiar with gays or lesbians as, say, are public officials in San Francisco.

Congressional liaisons at the White House and at HUD decided what our strategy would be. My part was to meet with senators and talk about my plans for fair housing and to discuss with them quite frankly any concerns or misgivings that they might have. Or, if they had been listening to what the other side was saying, did that raise any questions for them? I indicated my willingness to talk with them. And many of them did. There were some who refused to meet with me. Some of those very same people appeared on the floor as my accusers and tried to portray me in a way that only someone who had never spoken to me as a human being could do.

Do you have anything to say about the Boy Scouts issue?

No. I am not saying anything about the Boy Scouts. It is an absurd issue. The record speaks for itself. My job is to administer the fair housing laws, and not to dwell on specious issues. I have no intention of saying one more word about any such thing.

Did you see a synergy develop between the issue of gays in the military and your hearings?

I don't really know, and I don't want to express any opinion on that. I don't want to inadvertently—I don't want to speculate on what might be and might have been the relationship between that issue and my confirmation.

Coming from San Francisco, what is your impression of Washington, D.C.? How do they deal with you as an open lesbian?

Washington is a little bit different. It's a pretty sophisticated town. There are many, many gay people in D.C. who are in powerful and high positions. But the truth about Washington is, in order to maintain your power, you are, as they say, "discreet" about being gay. They make sure that no one who is important knows you are gay. I don't quarrel with that, but it is not how I intend to conduct my life. I have not acted that way for about 15 years, and I have no intention of changing. Either Washington will have to change, or at some point we will just have to part company.

Will you be beholden more to the Democratic Party and the president than to the gay/lesbian/bisexual community now that you have accepted this position?

My job is to enforce the fair housing law, and that is what I intend to do. There is no question that I want to do whatever I can do within bounds of propriety to support the political empowerment of the community. I will do that on my own time, and with as much energy as I can muster, after

having maintained my first commitment, which is to do the job that I have been asked to do.

I would not be here without the efforts of the gay/lesbian/bisexual community, the feminist community and Jewish community, and a whole host of communities that rallied behind me and came to my defense when I was in need of aid. I intend to support those communities in whatever ways I can, given the constraints of my new position.

It is a different position from being county supervisor. It is a different position, both vis-a-vis the gay and lesbian community, and in terms of as an appointed official as opposed to as an elected official. I work for other people now; I work for Henry Ciscernos and I work for Bill Clinton, who heads the administration of which I am a part. The constituency issue doesn't work in quite the same way as when I was an elected official. It is a choice that you make when you choose to become part of a larger team, and that is a choice that I have made. I imagine there will be some who misunderstand that.

Anything you were dying to say that you were unable to as you declined comment all through your confirmation process?

(Laughter) That is a very good question. As the attacks got more and more personal, it was a struggle for me to avoid wanting to clarify or defend myself. When I was called pushy, that rang about nine bells for me—well, gee, I wonder if that is a code word for, you know, aggressive women, lesbian, Jew. And it probably was.

It was very difficult to turn over my defense to others, but that is what the situation called for. I feel that in the end I was very ably defended, and the 58-vote confirmation feels like vindication.

I take it this means that you can now release that letter saying it is true that you really are a satanist and are determined to destroy the world as right-thinking people know it?

(Cracks up) I have been holding back. I have been holding back. My animal sacrifice is ready.

It is ironic, for me, of all people, to be painted by Helms as mean, rude, brash, pushy and extremist. They tried to vilify me and create a caricature. It was not about me, it was his idea that gay and lesbian people are subhuman. I suppose they tried anything they could. They tried their best shot, only it did not fly.

How do you think Clinton is faring these days?

The administration is doing its job relatively well. Clearly, great miscommunication is going on; however, I am not sure how to remedy that. We must turn this around. I have seen with great clarity the extent to which the mud starts to stick if an accusation is hurled enough times and there

Achtenberg: Sad to leave home. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

is no effective retort.

We can't wait too long to make sure that the president and the administration are rehabilitated in the minds of the public. We must light on an effective retort and turn the debate around to a debate on the merits and on the issues, but so far we have not found the key to doing that. Why the press seems so interested in the shenanigans and chicanery instead of the real issues that confront the country I am not quite sure.

Speaking of shenanigans—what do you think Mayor Jordan will be doing about your seat on the Board of Supervisors, and how do you view this disastrous budget's massive Health Department cuts?

Regarding the budget, as bad as things are, or are about to become, I can't imagine focusing any more cuts on the Department of Public Health. I don't know where that is coming from. I can tell you as a fact, there is still plenty of fat in this government, and if we have to take millions more out of someplace, it should not be DPH. Perhaps people don't appreciate what that is going to mean. The streets will be filled with people in need of assistance, and our citizens will be very sorry indeed if that is allowed to take place.

Regarding my successor, it is my hope that the mayor will exercise great judgment and wisdom in choosing an appropriate and worthy successor. I have tried every way I know to exert pressure that is appropriate. It is his choice. I hope he will do the right thing.

Any last reflections?

I will be very sad to leave San Francisco, and as much as I want to do this job, and want to go work with the administration, and be part of a new team trying to rebuild something that has been destroyed in the nation, it will be very hard to leave our home where we love so many, and feel loved and understood. So is it with some regret that we take on the new challenge. ✿

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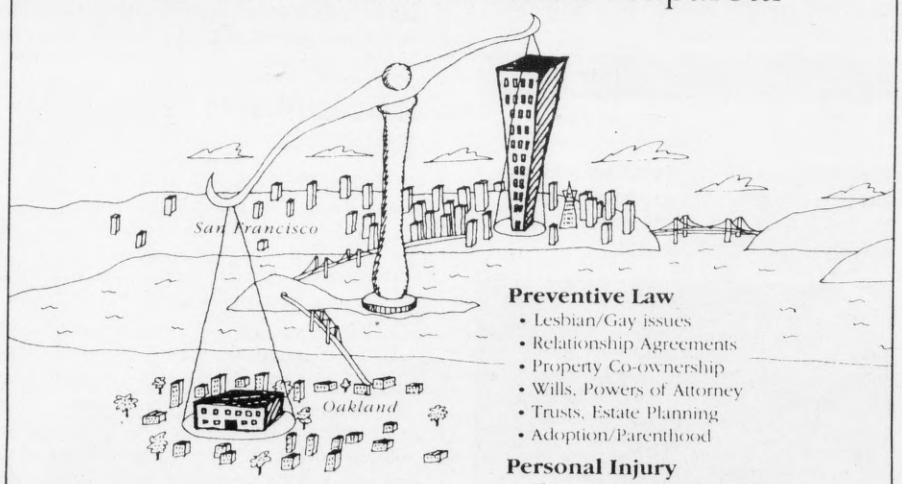

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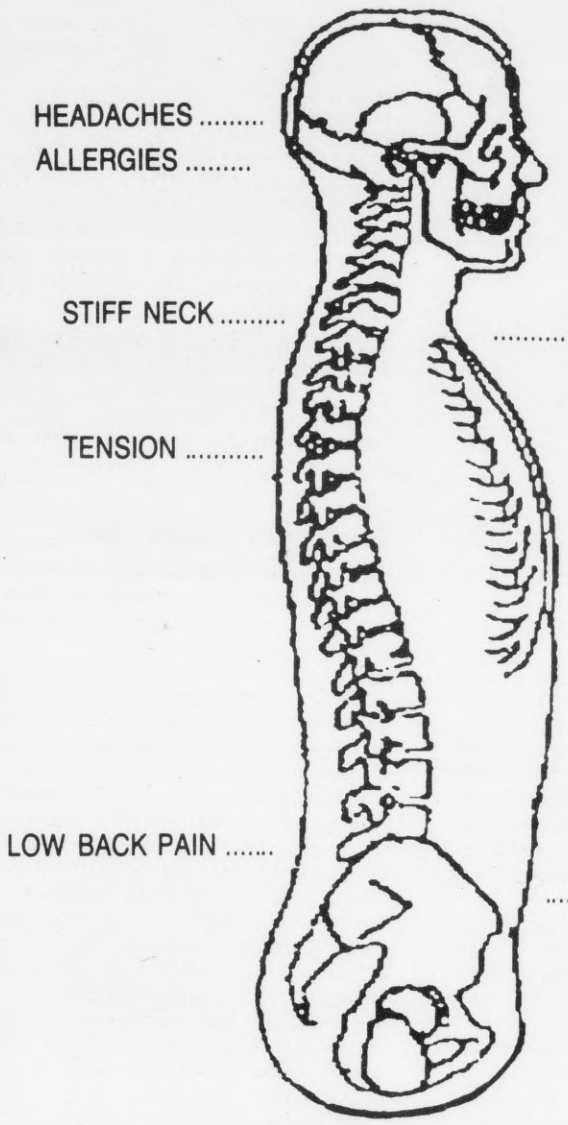

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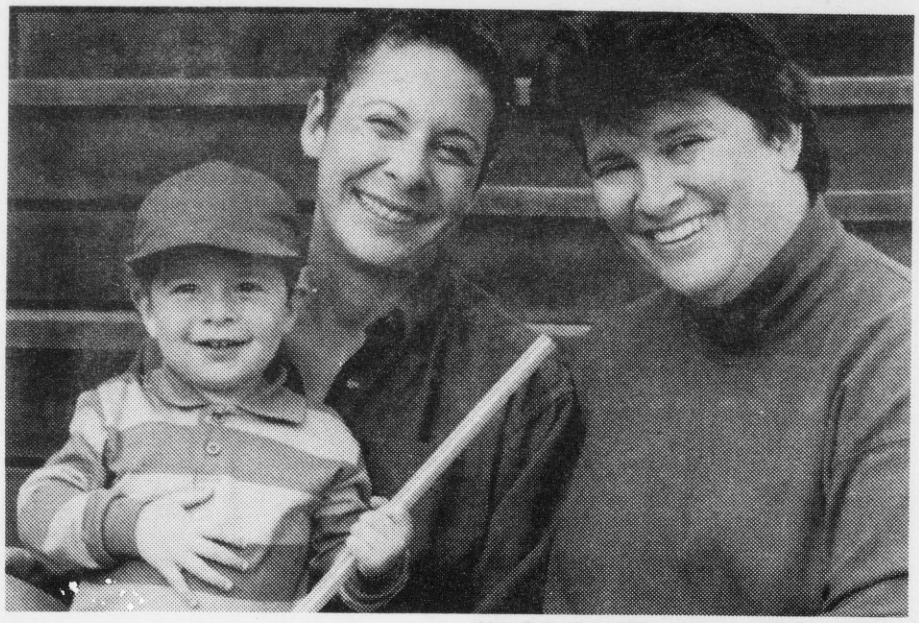


Lisa Orta (l) and Karen Rust, publishers of the parenting newsletter "The Family Next Door," with their son Gary.

"Don't Ask, Don't Tell" Trashed by Activists

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) is among a horde of queer activists condemning the "don't ask, don't tell" compromise on the lifting of the ban on gays and lesbians in the military.

The compromise, first suggested by Sen. Sam Nunn (D-Ga.) and refined by gay Rep. Barney Frank (D-Mass.) and even President Bill Clinton, would call for the ending of the restriction against gays and lesbians joining the military, but force them to remain quiet about their homosexuality.

In Frank's version of the compromise, gays and lesbians can be out while off-duty but not while on base.

Says NGLTF Director Torie Osborn, " 'Don't Tell' would require gay and lesbian service members to be constantly vigilant against any references to their partners, their life plans, their weekend dates, and more. And they would need to actively lie in many situations. The closet is not a 'compromise.' "

The united chapters of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD/USA) expressed their disappointment in Clinton's endorsement of the compromise. "The only thing being endorsed by maintaining the ban on openly lesbian and gay soldiers is hypocrisy and discrimination," says a statement from the groups.

The Campaign for Military Service, the gay/lesbian/bisexual organization supporting the lifting of the ban, also opposed any compromise plan. The campaign is embarking on a national media drive with one simple message: End Discrimination.

Finally, to make it unanimous among national queer political groups, the Human Rights Campaign Fund also denounced the compromise. Seems like Barney Frank is really alone on this one.

Meanwhile, Frank has asked Nunn to accept a compromise on his compromise, calling for gay and lesbian servicemembers to be out while off-duty. Nunn says the suggestion would give a "safe haven" to gays and lesbians who violate the Uniform Code of Military Justice, which bars sodomy.

Speaking at the Northeastern University Law School commencement in Boston, Frank accused Nunn of being "obsessed with sex" since he has spent more time on the military-and-gays issue than anything else.

According to reports in the press, Defense Secretary Les Aspin is offering the Joint Chiefs of Staff two possible scenarios for gays and lesbians in the military: one is still being developed; the other would allow gays to reveal their homosexuality but have their commanders determine what behaviors are okay.

Clinton is expected to release an executive order on gays and lesbians in the military sometime in July.

Gay Leader's House Burns

LOS ANGELES - A fire left the home of longtime gay activist Harry Hay and his partner John Burnside severely damaged. Fortunately, both Hay and Burnside escaped without injury.

Hay is well-known for his role in founding the Mattachine Foundation in 1950, the first grassroots gay organization in the United States. He also appeared in the documentaries *Word is Out* and *Before Stonewall*.

According to Stuart Timmons, author of the biography *The Trouble with Harry Hay*, most of the elder gay statesman's irreplaceable files from the early Mattachine movement as well as his extensive book, record and art collection, were spared from the flames. Hay and Burnside are currently staying with friends.

Will Roscoe, a San Francisco writer who is editing a collection of Hay's writings, says Hay and Burnside live solely on their social security. "It's hard to believe that one of the founders of our movement is, for all practical purposes, homeless today," he says.

Individuals wishing to help Hay and Burnside can send checks payable to Harry Hay to: Friends of Harry, c/o Vortex, Box 15154, San Francisco, CA 94115-0154.

Baptists Discover AIDS in Their Backyards

NASHVILLE - Southern Baptists are waking up to discover AIDS in their own backyards. Many people in Southern Baptist churches are carrying the heavy burden of their own, or a loved one's, death sentence from AIDS.

This despite the fact that Belinda Mason, a Southern Baptist who served on the president's Commission on AIDS until her death in 1991, regularly challenged fellow Christians to educate themselves about AIDS. She said, "Christians will never get serious about helping people with AIDS until they quit asking how they got the disease."

Now Regan Courtney and Bob Metcalf, two Baptist Sunday School Board employees, and Martha Lowry, the wife of an employee, shared their experiences with friends and family who had AIDS in the May issue of *The Circle*, the board's monthly magazine for employees.

The three spoke out, they said, because of a desire to help others understand how to be compassionate when AIDS touches the life of someone they love. And it will, they said.

Helms: Come to SF For the Pride March

SAN FRANCISCO - Imagine Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) inviting folks to come to San Francisco for the annual Freedom Day March. It's completely feasible now, thanks to a new TV spot produced by the Freedom Day Parade committee, the folks who organize the annual gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered pride parade in San Francisco.

Since the elder homophobe has often used excerpts from the San Francisco parade to further his neanderthal agenda, the folks producing "Year of the Queer" (the theme of the march) will air a public service announcement featuring a clip of Helms on the Senate floor saying he hoped every American could see the parade. The PSA was sent to local TV stations on June 1.

The organizers revealed the new TV spot at a press conference on Memorial Day.

In other Pride Day news, the committee has announced that Bob Hattoy, special assistant to President Bill Clinton, will speak at the parade this year. He will also ride in the parade. Hattoy spoke of his HIV-positive status and about being gay at the 1992 Democratic National Convention.

The parade kicks off in San Francisco at 11 am on Sunday, June 27.

Suit for Fucking and Sucking

NASHVILLE - Six queers have filed a suit questioning the constitutionality of the Tennessee laws against sodomy. The suit, filed May 26, says the laws violate the right to privacy and the equal protections guarantee of the U.S. Constitution.

The Tennesseee law makes it a misdemeanor for persons of the same sex to have oral or anal sex, with a conviction punishable by up to 30 days in jail. Says Penny Campbell, a plantiff in the case, "A man and a woman can commit the exact same acts and it's legal. But if I do them, with another woman, I can go to jail."

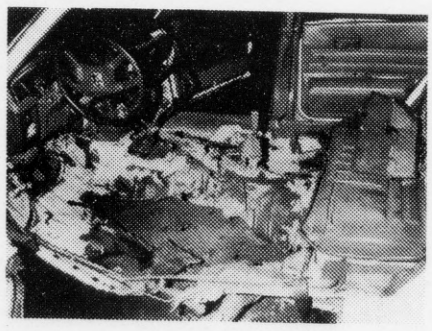
Census: Here We Go Again

SEATTLE - In what sounds like a redux of the recent flap over how many gay men (no one cared about lesbians) are in the population, a Washington census shows that only one in 400 householders in this state live with an "unmarried partner" of the same sex.

Queer activists are saying what the poll-takers refuse to understand: that folks are still reluctant to identify themselves as gay or lesbian. Says activist Steve Bryant, "What people deny to their neighbors and families—why are they going to tell the U.S. government?"

A University of Washington sociologist who helped with the study admits that it is likely to have errors. No shit, Sherlock.

The remains of the car containing Bari and Cherney. FBI and police say bomb was located in back seat. Photo shows major damage to be under front seat.



FBI Lied? There's A Radical Idea

OAKLAND - A series of photos and police reports may show that the FBI and the Oakland Police Department lied when they arrested Earth First! activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney for a 1990 car-bomb assassination attempt on Bari.

Bari and Cherney were driving through Oakland on May 24, 1990, when a bomb exploded under Bari's seat, nearly killing her and injuring Cherney. Within minutes, the FBI and Oakland police moved in and arrested the two activists, claiming it was their own bomb that nearly killed them. But FBI and police finally admitted in court that they did not have evidence to prosecute Bari and Cherney.

FBI and police originally said the bomb was on the back seat floorboard of the car. But photos seem to indicate that it was under the front seat. Bari and Cherney are suing the FBI and the Oakland police. Meanwhile, authorities have closed the case on the bombing, despite the facts that they have not found the person who set the bomb and that the statute of limitations has not run out.

Judge Keeps Ban on Books

TAMPA - While ruling that homosexuality can't prevent someone from being a foster parent, Judge Gasper J. Ficarrotta upheld the state's policy against unmarried foster parents.

That means a gay or lesbian couple can't adopt a child, but a single gay or lesbian person can. The decision came in a case filed by Bonnie Matthews and Elaine Kohler, two lesbians who want to adopt a six-year-old. Said Matthews after the decision, "I don't think the state has the luxury to hold onto this idea of family when they are totally ruling out a whole population of people."

Matthews and Kohler are no longer together as a couple, but want to see the state policy nixed.

CAS Holds Demo

SAN FRANCISCO - The Coalition Against Surveillance (CAS), a citywide coalition of peace organizations and ethnic communities, demonstrated at the court hearing of former police department inspector Tom Gerard on June 2. Members demand a thorough investigation of all parties involved in gathering information on 950 organizations and 10,000 individuals by or on behalf of the Anti Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a long-term effort allegedly aided by police officials and the FBI.

"We are seriously concerned about the mounting pressure on San Francisco District Attorney Arlo Smith to drop the investigation or limit its scope," a coalition spokesperson said. "This case should be prosecuted without interference from any interest group or governmental agencies, let alone foreign powers."

Preliminary reports already implicate the foreign intelligence services of Israel and South Africa. The coalition wants a congressional investigation that would include all implicated federal and state agencies, as well as determining the role of foreign governments in enlisting the espionage services of private organizations and individuals.

Russian River to Celebrate Pride

GUERNEVILLE - A full week of activities is planned June 7-13 to mark gay/lesbian pride in the Russian River. The Pridefest 93, sponsored by a long list of organizations, includes a "Politically Incorrect $1.98 Beauty Pageant" and a gay and lesbian film festival.

Other events include a wet jockey shorts contest, a lesbian and gay authors signing, a dance and a Metropolitan Community Church service. One unique offering in the second annual fest is a "Murder in Guerneville" mystery night, in which participants travel from business to business solving the murder of Christina Sloan-vanika. Cost is $12.50 a person.

For more info on the fest, call 800-253-8800 or (707) 869-9000.

Bits & Pieces I: International

• Queers for Cuba has received an official invitation from the Federation of Cuban Women to visit this island nation in December, 1993. It's the first such invitation to a queer-identified group to engage in mutual education, solidarity and

dialogue. For more info, call (415) 995-4678.

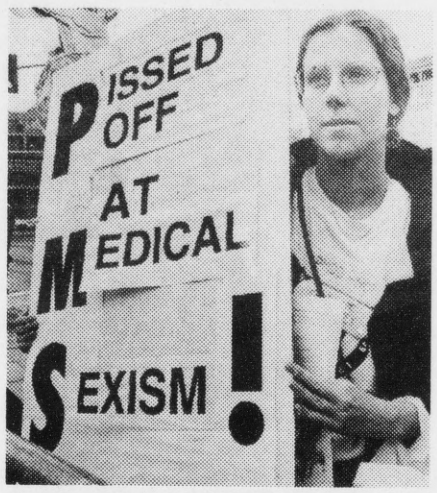
• In other queer Cuba news, lesbians, gay men, bisexuals and the transgendered are organizing to be participants in the second US/Cuba Friendship-ment Caravan this July. The caravan is a direct challenge to the 31-year-old blockade which bans even food and medicine from the island nation. The caravan will bring humanitarian aid through Mexico, to be loaded on a ship to Cuba, while participants fly to the island for a seven-day visit with the Cuban people. A planning meeting will take place on June 6 at 3382 26th St. in San Francisco at 3 pm. For more info, call (415) 995-4678.

• It's not only unglamorous, it's also deadly. Or another reason to ban smoking in public. British researchers say that smoking can hasten the onslaught of AIDS. According to a May 11 Reuters America article, smokers with HIV develop the disease twice as quickly as those who don't take the big puff, says Dr. Richard Nieman, who headed a team of scientists studying the disease and tobacco consumption. Nieman believes it's a well-established fact that smoking affects the immune system; related studies in London add proof to his pudding, he says.

Bits & Pieces II: National

• The American Association of University Professors is supporting the case of former midshipman Joseph Steffan against the U.S. Naval Academy by filing an amicus brief in the federal court of appeals in D.C. Steffan was expelled for being queer.

• The American Civil Liberties Union of



Women's Action Coalition demonstrates against the APA's sexual discrimination in the new definition of PMS as a mental illness.

Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

Virginia is taking on the case of a lesbian who had to give up custody of her son to her mother because of her sexual orientation. Activists hope the case will overturn a 1985 State Supreme Court ruling that being queer is grounds for losing custody.

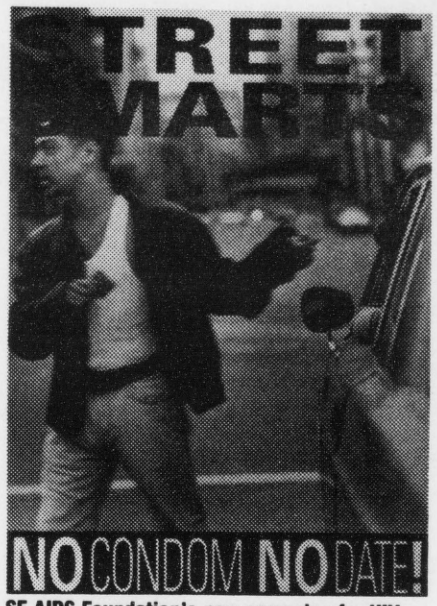
• Colorado Presbyterians decided—by a narrow margin— against the ordination of gay/lesbian/bisexual ministers. The vote reversed an earlier proposal from the governing body of the Presbyterian church to ordain gays and lesbians. The national Presbyterian Church in 1978 formally decided not to make known gays and lesbians ministers. Many chapters have opposed the policy since.

• In Philadelphia, the local Roman Catholic leader, Cardinal Anthony J. Bevilacqua, testified in the City Council against a domestic partners bill endorsed by the mayor. He said the legislation "extends legal recognition to a sexual relationship which I—and I sincerely believe the overwhelming majority of this city—consider to be immoral." He was booed by queers.

• Some folks are complaining about two gay-positive workshops at the June 29-July 1 Iowa Youth and 4-H Council conference. About 800 to 1,000 young people attend the conference annually. An organizer says that 4-H doesn't "advocate any lifestyle. We teach critical thinking skills so people can make their own decision," she said. Sounds pretty dangerous, doesn't it?

• A judge in Prineville, Ore., has nixed the anti-gay initiative of the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA) because of a technicality: the wording on the measure says it seeks to amend the county charter, but the county has no charter. This could mislead voters, says Circuit Judge George Neilson. But OCA founder Lon Mabon says his group will put the initiative back on the ballot later in the year. The OCA has been attempting to pass its anti-gay measure by town and county since it lost in its bid to do it statewide last November.

• Former National Endowment for the Arts



SF AIDS Foundation's new campaign for HIV prevention targets hustlers and their clients who engage in unprotected sex.

(NEA) chair John Frohnmayer debated with Ralph E. Reed Jr., director of the right-wing Christian Coalition, in Ashland, Ore., saying that the anti-gay initiatives before voters in that state

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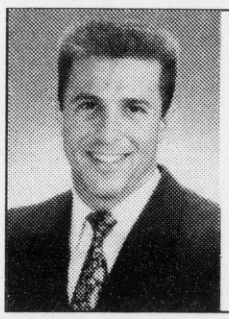

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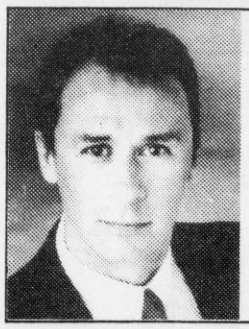

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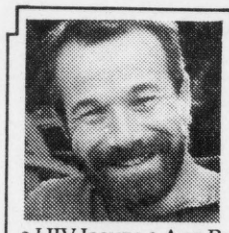

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were "a scourge on our society." Frohnmayer has become more outspoken on a lot of issues since his firing by former president George Bush after the NEA was attacked by fundamentalists for supporting out black queer filmmaker Marlon Riggs.

• Jackson Hole, Wy., is being offered as the spot for folks boycotting the state of Colorado. That according to a piece in the recent issue of *Out* magazine. The town of Jackson Hole is said to welcome anyone. You figure.

• In Kansas City, Mo., City Councilmember Michael Hernandez has introduced a gay rights bill, which of course has aroused the ire of the local fundies. Hernandez's bill has been sent to committee. A previous bill three years ago died in committee. Meanwhile, FIRED UP (Freedom Involves Responsibly Exposing Decadence and Upholding Principle) spokesperson Connie Cierpiot says, "Why give legal minority status based on how people have sex?" This is for real, folks.

• A debate is going on in Salt Lake City because the State Board of Education wants to include gay-positive statements in school textbook selection guidelines. One pro-gay speaker said that teaching a health class without mentioning queers is like teaching geography without stating that the world is round. Of course, some fundies might not want the latter statement included either.

• Some City Commissioners in Chattanooga, Tenn., are upset because the local library features *Daddy's Roommate*, a book about a boy's father and his male lover. The discussion over the book came during a hearing on the library's budget for next year.

• The Nevada Senate is amending the gay sex bill which outlaws the state's sodomy laws to make it a felony for anyone, gay or straight, to e public sex. The amendment was adopted ..nanimously on a voice vote.

• The secretary of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, Jeff Richardson, is leaving state government to become executive director of the Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York. At the same time, Richardson has come out as gay, making him the first in Gov. Evan Bay's administration to do so.

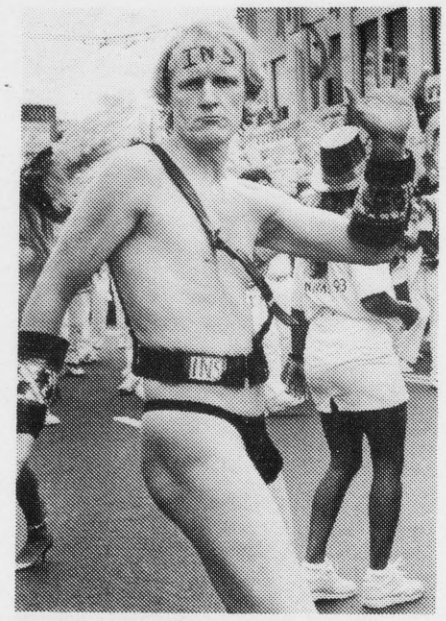
• Opponents of a statewide anti-gay rights initiative in Idaho have a definitive plan for defeating the measure: they want to keep it off the ballot altogether. They are starting a "Don't Sign" campaign to keep folks from putting their signatures onto the petitions for the measure.

• Although the police say that a Florida lesbian activist whose mobile home was torched once served time for arson, she is not a suspect. Darlena DeBerry claims she was in D.C. for the national march for gay rights when her place was burned. "I didn't burn my house down," she said.

• A Trenton, N.J., man has received a life sentence for murdering his lover in order to claim his life insurance policy. Carlos Ortiz, 28, will serve 32 years before he's eligible for parole, according to the sentence he received on May 28. Ortiz claims he did not receive a fair trial.

• In Boston, four AIDS-related agencies will use a $300,000 grant to find gay and bisexual men of color to help with outreach and prevention efforts. The groups—Dimock Community Health Center, Men of Color Against AIDS, Fenway Community Health Center and Centro Hispano De Chelsea and the Latino Health Institute—will outreach in men of color populations in various parts of the city and surrounding area.

• Out gay Congressmember Gerry Studds (D-Mass.) believes the Endangered Species Act can not only save threatened animal populations, but



The INS comes to Carnaval '93: Donald O'Sullivan as the unlikely agent. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

also humans as well, considering that the plants preserved by this effort could provide a cure for diseases such as AIDS. As an example Studds cites calanolide A, a potent anti-HIV compound derived from a tree discovered in a tropical swamp forest in Malaysia. Studds recently introduced a stronger version of this bill in the Legislature.

• The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has a new communications director, David M. Smith, who succeeds Robert Bray. The former director stepped down to focus on grassroots media trainings for NGLTF.

Bits & Pieces III: California

• This year's Santa Rosa Luther Burbank Rose Parade on Armed Forces Day included a contingent of 20 gay/lesbian/bisexual wartime veterans among the 200 floats, marching bands, VIPs, and others. The three women and 17 men carried a banner identifying themselves as queer as well as the Rainbow flag.

• Metagenics, Inc., a national distributor of over 200 brands of nutritional supplements, and Aids for AIDS will provide the OPTI to over 300 people living with AIDS. The protein drink is recommended for weight gain, as well as the restoration of appetite and energy. For more info, call (213) 656-1107.

• The Los Angeles gay/lesbian/bi/transgendered pride celebration on June 26 will include an interfaith, inter-ethnic service of worship and pride on the Festival Main Stage. The event takes place at 10:30 am. The festival's hotline number is (213) 665-8818.

• *Kuuma*, the twice-a-year journal of poetry celebrating the lives of Black lesbians and gay men, is seeking submissions of poetry. All material should be typed with line and stanza breaks clearly defined. Include SASE. Send to: Editors, Kuuma, Box 83912, Los Angeles, CA 90083-0912. For more info, call (310) 410-0808.

• Recovery Ranch in the hills of Shasta County is sponsoring its first fundraiser June 11-13. It's a Women's Clean & Sober Campout. Call for details: (916) 396-2868.

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delivered a message to San Francisco Mayor Frank Jordan and the Board of Supervisors on May 24 concerning cutting of funds from the Rape Treatment Center. The message warned the mayor that WAC "is watching." WAC also recently protested the ongoing pathologizing of women and their bodies by the American Psychiatric Association on May 24. The latest example of this pathologizing, says WAC, is an attempt to classify Premenstrual Syndrome as the mental illness "Premenstrual Depressive Disorder." WAC meets every Tuesday at 7:30 pm at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St., (510) 869-2584.

• The San Francisco AIDS Foundation will host a "Personal Finances and HIV" seminar on June 10 at the UCSF Laurel Heights Conference Center, Chancellors Room, sub level 1, 3333 California St., from 7-10 pm. Admission is free. Guest speaker is John Darragh, well-known Bay Area financial planner and a nationally recognized specialist on financial planning and serious illness.

• Project Open Hand's second annual Food Drive will take place at all 21 Cala/Bell/QFI stores in the Bay Area June 2-9. Cala will mark down food to cost on items in highest demand by Project Open Hand so that customers can purchase and donate them to the AIDS organization.

• On June 12, 19 and 20, Shanti Project's Crossings Program will train new volunteers to provide emotional and practical support to people with HIV disease in the Tenderloin, Mission and South of Market neighborhoods in San Francisco. For info, call Barbara Linn or Stephanie RubyKlink at (415) 777-2273.

• The family next door? That's the name of a new national newsletter to help lesbian/gay parents and their friends celebrate the joys and conquer the challenges of parenting. To subscribe, call (510) 482-5778 or write to Next Door Publishing, Ltd., Box 21580, Oakland, CA 94620.

• The American Symphony Orchestra League recently awarded the Women's Philharmonic the 1993 John S. Edwards Award for Strongest Commitment to New American Music. It's the ninth such award the orchestra has received.

• Public Art Works is publishing "The Days of Our Lives," a set of wallet-sized cards by the artist team of Margaret Crane and Jon Winet, which address specific issues such as AIDS, domestic violence and support for libraries. The baseball-card-like items are in both English and Spanish and will be distributed to various communities.

• Finally, everyone can voice his/her opinion on the gay vs. queer issue. The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) is hosting a community forum on the Q word at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St. on June 19 at 1 pm. The event is free. GLAAD also needs volunteers to staff its booth at the June 27 Lesbian/Gay/Bi/Transgendered Freedom Day celebration. Call Natalie at (415) 661-4781 to donate a few hours.

• The San Francisco AIDS Foundation has a new HIV prevention campaign for Polk Street hustlers: a "Street Smarts" poster that says, "No Condom, No Date!" Says Elliot Ramos, AIDS Foundation Youth Campaign Development Coordinator, "Some of (the hustlers) engage in sex with johns or "dates" who pay extra to have unprotected sex with them."

• Chez Panisse, Baywolf, Ristorante Venezia, The Dining Room at The Shattuck Hotel and ZZA's Trattoria will host a benefit for The Center for AIDS Services all day July 22. The restaurants will contribute a percentage of each diner's check to the East Bay's largest AIDS service agency.

• The National Center for Lesbian Rights is honoring four lesbian elected officials at its June 4 dinner in San Francisco's War Memorial Opera House. The four are Judy Abdo, mayor of Santa Monica; Angie Fa, San Francisco School Board member; Sherry Harris, Seattle City Council member; and Carole Migden, San Francisco supervisor.

• Three African-American women, Dr. Christiana Cummings, Elena Featherston and Melanie DeMore, will dialogue and perform for women's reproductive rights on June 16 at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St, SF, at 7 pm. Cummings is a family practitioner who devotes part of her time to providing abortions to women at the Women's Choice Clinic. Featherston is a filmmaker, producer and director; DeMore is a jazz and blues singer. The event is sponsored by Speak Out.

• Up to 2,500 people are expected to attend the Golden Gate Business Association's first exposition which takes place all day on June 5 at the San Francisco Marriott. Sixty-four booths will be featured as well as local gay and lesbian authors (who will sign their books).

• A confidential peer counseling telephone line for young people who are questioning their sexuality is opening in San Francisco on June 4. The Gay Talk Line is open from 6:30-11:30 pm Thursdays through Sundays and can be reached at (415) 863-3636 locally and 1-800-246-PRIDE outside of San Francisco. Services in Spanish and Tagalog and for the deaf- and hearing-impaired are available. The talk line is sponsored by the Lavender Youth Recreation and Information Center (LYRIC).

• Guess what was a hot topic at the recent Bank of America shareholders' meeting? The bank's decision to re-fund the Boy Scouts, an organization that discriminates openly against gay men. Bank Chair Richard M. Rosenberg defended the bank's decision to re-fund the Scouts, saying it was unpopular with San Francisco's large gay population.

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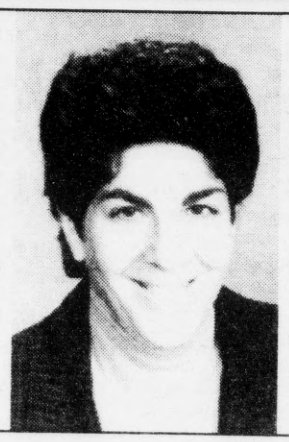

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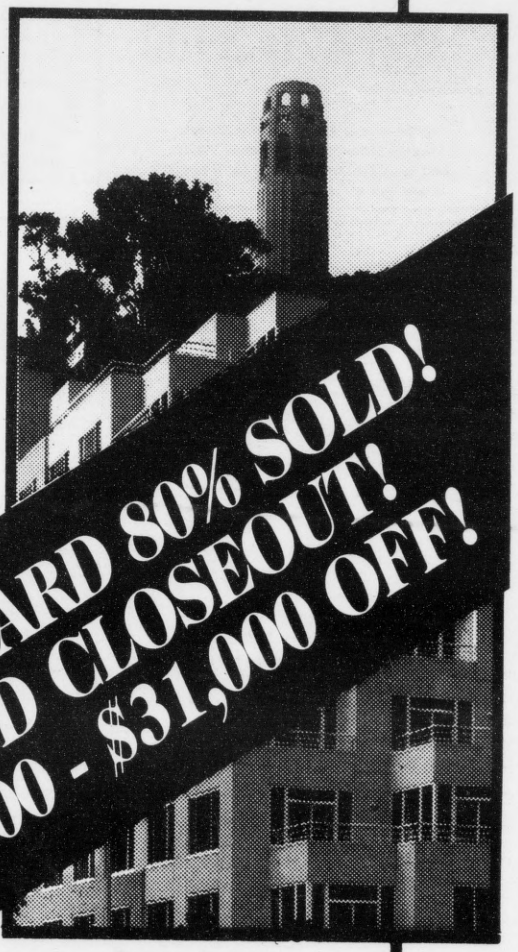

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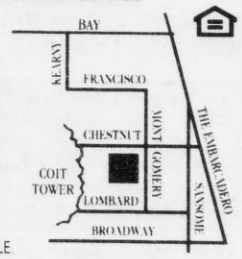

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Expanded Access to Experimental Drugs:

An Interview with David Feigal, M.D., of the FDA

Much discussion is taking place among patients and physicians about when a drug is ready for parallel track. The FDA must approve any parallel track or other such access program before it can start. And the FDA's views will be influential in negotiations with pharmaceutical companies, which must also agree to—and usually pay for—such access to their new drugs. Understanding the FDA's approach will enable physicians, patients, and activists to direct their energies most effectively toward obtaining wider access to promising treatments.

The FDA genuinely wants help from the AIDS community in identifying which experimental drugs are truly promising and should be made more widely available. Physicians and patients can help in this process.

But the FDA is prohibited from releasing proprietary information about specific drugs. This puts AIDS activists at a disadvantage in negotiating for access to treatments, because companies can blame the FDA when the real obstacle is their own reluctance; the FDA cannot defend itself, and the public finds it very difficult to discover what the truth is. This problem can be minimized by documenting the fact that the FDA is more supportive of pre-approval access to experimental drugs than many people believe.

In order to address these issues, *AIDS Treatment News* recently spoke with David Feigal, M.D., Director, Division of Antiviral Drug Products of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, in charge of approving all new antiviral drugs.

A few of the terms used in the interview will be unfamiliar to some readers. These brief explanations may help:

- **Sponsor.** An organization which is developing a drug (and usually paying the large bills to do so, averaging well over $100 million in development costs for each new drug approved). Almost always the sponsor is a pharmaceutical company. But occasionally a government agency or private nonprofit organization can be a sponsor.
- **IND (Investigational New Drug approval).** Usually an IND is permission granted by the FDA to test an experimental drug in humans. In some cases an individual physician can apply for and hold an IND. Certain special kinds of INDs, such as the "treatment IND," are explained in the interview below.
- **Phase I, phase II, phase III.** These refer to traditional phases of human trials of an experimental drug. Phase I looks for toxicity and for the maximum tolerated dose. Phase II seeks to show some indication of efficacy. Phase III compares the new drug in larger trials against existing treatments to determine its real-world usefulness.

These phases are not defined or even mentioned in any law or regulation, but represent customary practices which developed over the years. Therefore the FDA has flexibility to allow new approaches. For example, in testing drugs for AIDS and other life-threatening conditions, phases I and II, or phases II and III, are sometimes combined to save time.

- **NDA (New Drug Application).** The NDA is a voluminous document (typically dozens of boxes of paper) submitted by a sponsor to the FDA to apply for approval to market a new drug.
- **Accelerated Approval.** This is a new system by which the FDA can grant full approval to an urgently needed new drug based largely on "surrogate marker" endpoints (such as blood tests), instead of waiting for proof of long-term clinical benefit— provided that the company agrees to do the additional research (to prove clinical benefit) after approval. The only AIDS example of accelerated approval so far is the drug ddC; ddI was approved in a similar fashion, only before the accelerated-approval regulations were written.
- **Expanded access** is a generic term which applies to a number of different programs to allow patients to use an experimental drug before it receives final marketing approval.
- **Parallel track** is the most recent expanded-access program. The only official parallel-track program so far is for the drug d4T. The major pre-approval access program for ddI was in fact parallel track (but not officially so, since the parallel-track regulations had not been written at that time).

The interview with Dr. Feigal:

(John James) During a March 15 conference call, FDA Commissioner David Kessler strongly supported parallel track as a way to make important treatments available, so that patients do not need to resort to underground treatments and use drugs without quality control.

(David Feigal) Let me put parallel track in the context of the different procedures which are available and have been used. It is part of an overall commitment by the agency to make drugs available early to patients with life-threatening diseases. Parallel track is based on the premise that if the drugs are far enough along to test them in large-scale trials, then it is also reasonable to make the drugs available to the patients who cannot get into those trials— particularly if they have no other alternative.

If you look at the different regulatory mechanisms for this purpose, one of the oldest is the "emergency IND," sometimes called "compassionate use." We avoid the word "compassionate," because during testing you don't know if the drug works or not, so it is hard to tell if you are being compassionate. Emergency INDs are essentially single-patient protocols, where the sponsor has to be willing to provide the drug, and the physician has to be willing to take responsibility for describing the patient and how the drug was used, and giving us some follow-up.

These programs have had as many as 300 or 400 patients per year enrolled in them; some of the drugs have been used for HIV, usually for opportunistic infections. These are particularly useful when a sponsor is not pursuing or is barely pursuing licensure for a drug, perhaps because the market in this country is too small; yet the drug is available because it is approved somewhere else in the world, and the company is willing to supply it. Sometimes these programs have been coordinated by the Centers for Disease Control, and they take on some of the sponsor's responsibility.

For example, they are now providing streptomycin and will soon be providing PAS [both old drugs for tuberculosis, needed now because of resistance to the standard drugs]. Their largest program in AIDS was when they were the sole provider in the country for pentamidine, for injection use for treating pneumocystis.

The next kind of program under a traditional IND that companies can sponsor is what we call "large safety trials." These are not controlled trials; everybody gets the drug. They only differ from emergency INDs in that the sponsor takes responsibility for the reporting and tracking of patients, rather than individual physicians one-by-one as with an emergency IND. Some of the safety data used for AIDS drug approvals have been done under this mechanism of the large open safety trial. Some of the early use of ddI, for example, used this method.

Historically, the next kind of availability that came along was, for cancer, the "class C" drugs, and for non-cancer, the "treatment IND." The treatment IND usually is used when a drug is substantially complete in getting its phase III trials done; typically it is filed about when an NDA is filed, or while an NDA is being prepared, so that in the six months it may take the company to prepare an NDA, and the six months it takes us to review it, the drug can be available to patients.

Also, the treatment IND can be used earlier. For example, the ddI expanded access program technically was a treatment IND. But there are certain things in the treatment IND language in federal regulations that limit its use. For example, there has to be no satisfactory alternative; and the manufacturer has to be pursuing marketing approval with due diligence. "No satisfactory alternative" creates a difficulty in certain conditions, for example with early treatment, or combination use. If there is no consensus that those are proven indications, the lack of satisfactory alternatives doesn't ring true.

So for earliest use, when you don't know where the drug fits in, parallel track can be helpful. Parallel track has some features that are unique. One is that it specifies in the regulations that the Parallel Track only applies to AIDS, whereas all the other mechanisms are available for all life-threatening diseases. Parallel track was based on the idea of an access program that would run in parallel to the phase II or phase III trials, more typically the phase III trials. It is for patients who geographically could not get into those trials, or who did not meet some of the entry criteria.

The only real parallel track so far has been d4T. But the large programs done with ddI and ddC were in spirit parallel track. Since the parallel track rules hadn't been written yet, we borrowed other regulations.

Does "schedule C"—the cancer drugs—work differently? There seem to be many more drugs to test with a few patients, as part of serious trials.

There are different mechanisms in cancer, partly because of the way the programs have been set up. For example, the National Cancer Institute (NCI) has a library of different drugs that have been screened in tissue-culture systems. An individual investigator who wants to get one of those drugs files a letter of intent with the Investigational Drug Branch of the NCI, and they can work out a protocol where they treat their own patients, maybe one, maybe a small study of a group of patients. What is different is that the NCI has a mass screening from big chemical libraries.

They have candidate drugs that have gone through laboratory screening and some animal toxicology. For drugs that belong to a commercial sponsor, they have a standard way of setting up the business arrangements between the government, the sponsor, and the investigator. Historically, if you look back at what many people envisioned for the AIDS Clinical Trials Group of the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (ACTG), they thought that might be how the ACTG would be set up. But AZT changed the environment to doing active-control, larger trials, instead of having a network of physicians who would screen dozens or hundreds of candidate drugs. It is a challenge to find the best way to do the initial human studies; I think it's a mixture of science, good intentions, and historical accident that we have the system we do today.

How do we get around the existing obstacles in the AIDS drug-development system? When there is a good rationale for a treatment based on evidence, there may be no way physicians and patients can choose the drug. Parallel track, etc., all require that a sponsor be willing to participate. What incentive do sponsors have to accept the cost, and possible liability exposure, for no direct financial benefit?

Let me comment from the FDA perspective first, about what we consider a good candidate. What are the kinds of drugs that prompt us to call the company and say you ought to be thinking of some kind of expanded-access program?

One, there has to be some evidence of promise that the drug will be effective. And almost more important at the early stage, is that we need to know enough to be confident that it will be safe. One of the assumptions we make with the expanded-access mechanisms is that the drugs are going to be more loosely supervised than they will be in clinical trials. Because of that loose supervision we need to be sure that it's not toxic to the liver, lymphocytes, etc., and would do more damage than good.

The evidence for effectiveness requires a case-by-case decision. If the drug is in a class where we already have approved drugs, there has to be more of a case for expanded access than for a drug in an entirely new class [which might have unique value]. Now we have a number of drugs in new classes, such as tat inhibitors, protease inhibitors, and non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors, that are coming along in testing. None of them have gone far enough to show the kind of effectiveness that we would feel strongly for pushing for early access. We're beginning to get data in. We hope that something in these classes will be promising. But the data cannot just be laboratory work with cell cultures, it cannot just be animal effectiveness; there must be other evidence, usually from clinical trial. For example, when the ddI access program started there was data on about 100 patients.

It takes some evidence of effectiveness, and it has to meet some need; there has to be some public-health need for expanded access. For example, with pneumocystis treatment, trimethoprim-sulfa is good enough that there's no reason to have an expanded access for a first-line drug for pneumocystis. But, given the allergic reactions with available drugs, and given the fact that severe cases of pneumocystis are difficult to treat, it would be fairly easy to make a public-health case for expanded access to a new drug for treatment failures. It goes case by case, depending on the disease, and depending on what other drugs are available and what their strengths and weaknesses are.

You asked about commercial disincentives. With a couple exceptions, most of the expanded access that has taken place has been initiated by industry. There are companies that expressed an interest very early. And note that the company that sponsored the largest and probably most expensive expanded access, ddI, came back for more when they developed d4T and wanted to do a parallel-track program.

Why companies do expanded access is a question you could best ask them. For the large companies, there are a number of advantages to the program—in learning about the safety of their drug, and in getting visibility for a drug (especially important in a crowded market). I think the main incentive for them is that it cements in the public's eye that this is an up-and-coming drug, one valuable enough that it's being made available early. That kind of market influence is hard to come by in other ways. The decision is probably a combination of business interest, the chance to learn about the drug that way, and in some cases a strong element of public service.

Companies can recover expenses of expanded access programs by charging patients for drugs before they are approved, if they have the FDA's permission. But this very seldom happens. Companies fear that the documentation they would have to produce to justify the price would reveal more about their business practices than they wish

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to have known, since currently that material is private and not reviewed by anybody. And many of these drugs have a long development process; it's hard to tell early how large a market they will have. So companies may be concerned about setting a price for expanded access, as it may not reflect the price they eventually want to charge when they get to the marketplace.

Except for pricing of an experimental drug, the FDA currently has no jurisdiction on pricing. Under the current law it's none of our business. My guess is that the companies enjoy that lack of supervision and don't want to get it started in any area.

The economic disincentives of expanded access are definitely a concern for the small companies. They have economic problems everywhere they turn; drug development is an expensive business, requiring animal testing, clinical trials, etc. This is one more area where a small company will say they cannot afford a program. The tougher position is sometimes for the bigger companies that overall are large companies, but may look at some product areas as though they were small companies. If they don't see them as having large markets, they may not put much resources behind them. Sometimes there are resource decisions not to pursue expanded access.

I and others have speculated that one reason some companies do early drug testing in Europe and not the United States is to avoid the pressure to have expanded access after the first couple of trials are approved. In Europe they can see if the drugs work or not, without having to worry about expanded access. If these trials are successful the company can begin their development in the United States, and live with an expanded access as part of the cost of that.

There are other reasons companies do trials in Europe instead of the U.S. Many are European companies; they have public-relations problems when they don't start their studies in their own countries. Another reason is that it is easiest to evaluate a new drug effect in patients who have never taken an antiviral drug before. Because AZT is not used in early disease in Europe, and ddI still is not approved in the United Kingdom and many other European countries, it is easier to find drug-naive patients in Europe.

When a small company has developed something, and for whatever reason it has not been sold to a big company, are we out of luck? The case of peptide T is on peoples' minds. What can we do for the future? We don't see any solution in such a case.

It is tough. Small companies have trouble even getting past the 100-patient trials. As soon as they get into the several-hundred-patient trials with longer-term follow-up, or with complete viral or immunological monitoring, they may not have enough money to proceed. They are stuck at that point with having to find a business partner. They might be able to try it with the ACTG; there are drugs from small sponsors that have had some testing there. They need to find a source of backing, and traditionally it is a partnership with a larger, old-style company. That is a problem for them whether or not there is parallel track.

One proposal has been to require more early animal testing for reproductive toxicology, so we can make early access to drugs a reality for pregnant women. If we took the cost of those studies to the small companies before they had even screened the drugs in phase I/II for efficacy, that would discourage the development of some compounds as well. It's a rock and a hard place, some of the issues you get caught between in drug development.

What about interference with drug development by these expanded access programs? The answer has been mixed. With AZT, there was no effect, since the treatment IND was a bridging maneuver during review and before full marketing. It did not compete with any trial, and it provided the drug to three or four thousand patients half a year earlier than they otherwise would have received it.

With ddI, the ACTG does not think that early access interfered with recruiting for the trials. Concern about pancreatitis had a chilling effect for several months. But recruitment was nevertheless very close to what had been targeted.

ddC did get clobbered, but not by its own expanded access, but by ddI. ddI was the drug that everyone wanted to get on, and it sort of shut everything else down. If there had not been ddI expanded access, maybe the ddC clinical trials would have accrued more rapidly, but only to the extent that patients on expanded access would have gone to ACTG centers and signed up.

With drugs for opportunistic infections, most of the expanded access has been after the trials were finished, with the exception of atovaquone (Mepron). There was a fair amount of atovaquone availability while trials were still going on. I don't see any evidence that expanded access for atovaquone interfered with recruitment for its clinical trials. There was a lot of enthusiasm for that drug during its testing, and both the clinical trials and the expanded access accrued fairly well. Clarithromycin had an expanded-access program during its trials, but the sponsor did not have trouble conducting the studies which are now being presented (to the FDA's advisory committee).

The concern is a real one. It would be possible to set up widespread use of drugs through expanded access or accelerated approval that would have a discouraging effect on further studies. Accelerated approval may be a much bigger threat than parallel track for dampening enthusiasm for clinical trials. I'm concerned at the difficulty there has been in launching combination trials of ddC. Once a drug gets accelerated approval, that makes its use so widespread that it is hard to find participants who are interested, and investigators may want to move on to new drugs. Unapproved drugs somehow seem more attractive than approved drugs.

From here it looks like the problem is getting companies motivated to do the trials when there has been accelerated approval.

We hope that the initiative in industry to be more cooperative in combination trials will break down some of the barriers. It often takes the companies a very long time to decide whether to do studies with their competitors, even when the trial provides no way for them to lose, since with combinations, the patients will be taking both drugs.

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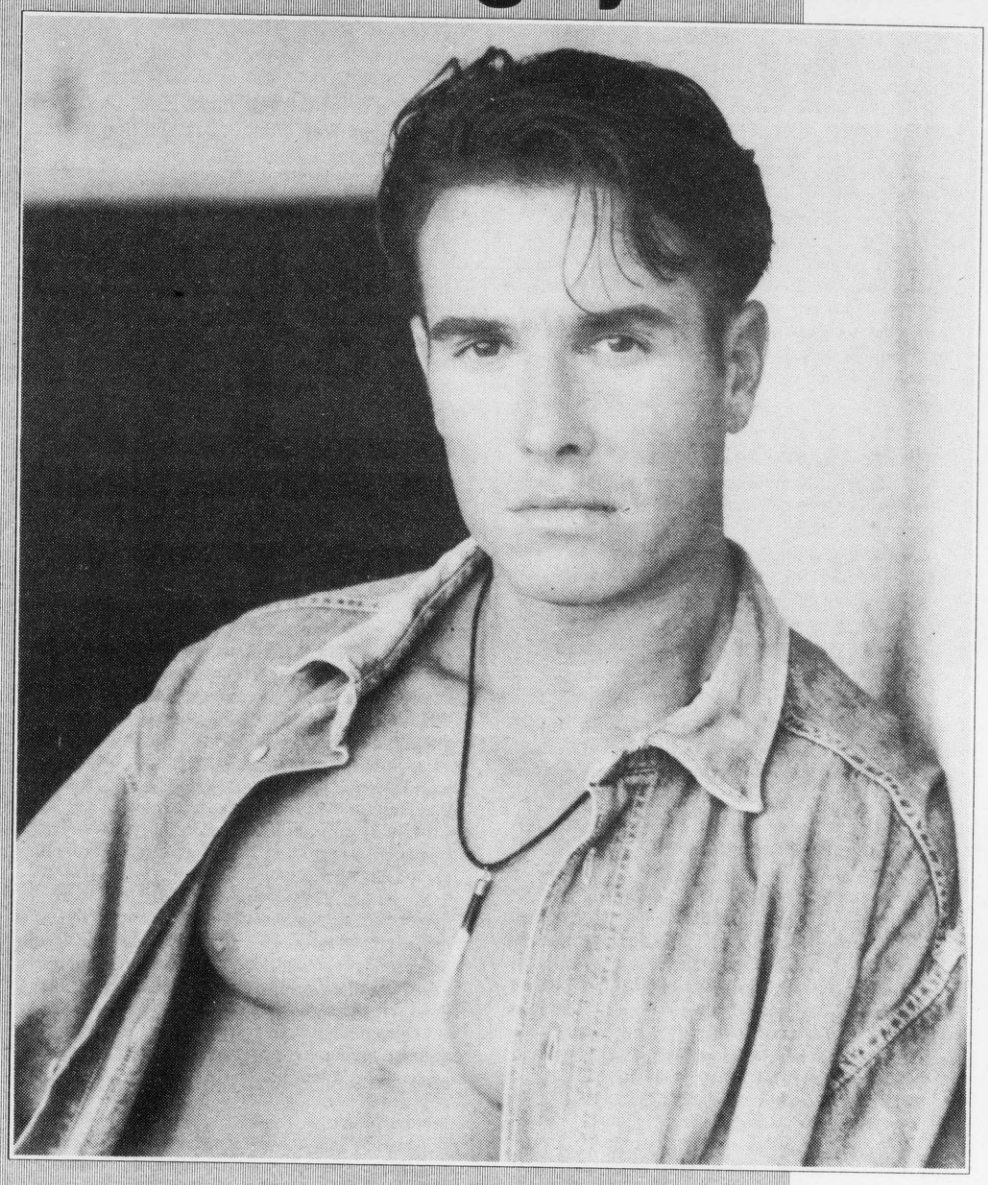

. . . Or I make bargains—like he doesn't have to use a condom as long as he pulls out. But then he won't. And I don't even know if I want him to.

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Letters...

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lesbian: Whose politics, Rachel? What does seem diluted is being "gay," which has been subcultured into the most particular and, yes, discriminating little bands of bigots. If you don't like the movies that women—not "privileged white Christian males"—produce, don't go. Or better yet, create and produce your own reality.

And about "Fatphobics in the Personals," what exactly does the author of this letter think "personal" means? Using words like "fit, athletic and weight proportionate to height" is the same as oinking at a heavy person in a restaurant? I think not. Are we no longer free to have our own, personal list of criteria for choosing our own, personal partners without someone differently abled crying "foul"? Go ahead, choose not to date me, but don't assume I have a secret agenda.

For a community in desperate search of acceptance and tolerance, such people as the abovenoted (and zillions of others) undermine our need to be individuals, not to mention our chances to voice, act and direct ourselves. I used to be just "gay," and if that weren't a big enough hurdle, now I find that there are all too many who deem it necessary to find fault with the fact that I am a white, fit, Jewish, smoking, drinking, switch who wears perfume, shaves her legs and doesn't care if you call me dyke, lesbian, queen, queer, fag or homo. Everyone, get a life and don't be so concerned with others.

The next time I go to an event for women I hope they have added the ultimate section simply titled, "Free to Be You and Me!" That's where you'll find me.

J.A.G.
Just Another Girl

"Old"—Invisible Again

I was appalled at the lack of coverage or reporting in your May 6 issue of the "old" lesbians and gays involved in the March on Washington.

I assure you we were very visible. We were at the front of the march. In fact, my contingent, Old Lesbians Organizing for Change, had at least 75 "old" lesbians marching. We held a national meeting the week before the march and sponsored a reception in Laurel, Md., attended by more than 100 "old" lesbians.

None of this was reported or covered by you. What is the reason? Why are we not seen?

Rosemary Hathaway
Old Lesbians Organizing for Change
San Francisco

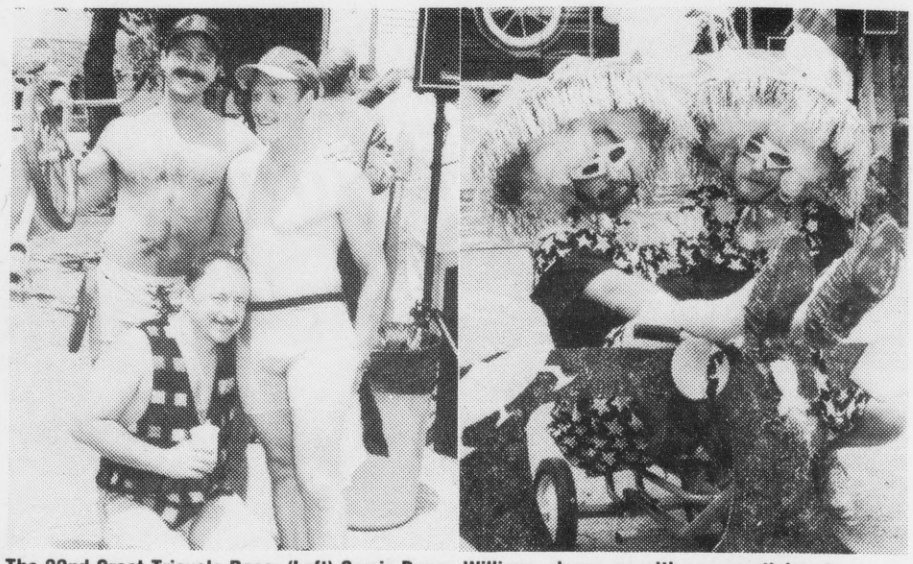
Irresponsible Production

The following is an open letter to the March on Washington Committee:

Let's get right to the point: Whomever is responsible (or irresponsible) for the production of the afternoon stage (exhibition) activities should be ashamed of their profound lack of judgment in presenting the lesbian/gay/bisexual community to the American public (via C-Span)!

What should have been a serious, thought-provoking and solemn (not trifling) moment in history—*a civil rights march*—was suddenly turned into an "outrageous carnival sideshow!"

We had courageous men and women from our Armed Forces who risked a great deal to appear on stage for the benefit of the movement. There were straight entertainers standing up for our rights who put themselves on the chopping block so that other less liberal straights could take shots at them. There were the eloquently spoken and powerful voices of



The 22nd Great Tricycle Race: (Left) Comic Danny Williams chums up with race participants Michael and Trey. (Right): Joe and Don are the "Goldrush Girls." The race raised funds for the AIDS Emergency Fund. Photos by Rink

pride, reason and love. The many who lifted our spirits and self-esteem to a level long deserved and sorely needed. Then came the messengers from government who brought hope and, even though President Clinton wasn't there, he had stuck his neck out for us—didn't he? (In retrospect he made the right decision.) This was indeed a powerful, moving moment in history.

Then the axe (free of charge) fell! Like all dysfunctional families, the rebel child managed to sabotage the family! When the planning began, we knew that the drag queens were going to plan to embarrass the community to prove their point (regardless of the cost to the many), but I never thought for one moment that the lesbians would shoot themselves (indeed all of us) in the foot.

At our "moment of greatness," our "moment in history," there was a need to *demonstrate greatness*, to walk the delicate tightrope of social decorum—you know, good taste, common decency and self-respect! This was a time when lesbians on the stage espoused the idea that "this is not crotch politics," then set out to prove little else!

I was really angry to hear Lea DeLaria state, "At least Hillary is someone you could fuck!" Fuck the President's wife? Is this how we replay President Clinton? How crude and disrespectful! It is absolutely inappropriate to speak of the first family in personal—especially sexual—terms.

Ms. DeLaria is totally without class, not to mention "a fucking ignorant dyke!" She, among others, turned our "moment" into "crotch politics" and an "outrageous carnival!" Although this material may have been *hilarious* in a club, it was totally off-base at a civil rights march!

Other comments, such as "permanent white-on," and screaming, "Fuck you, asshole," made me cringe, as I know that somewhere the American public was deciding our fate on the military, AIDS funding, Roberta Achtenberg, etc.

To Lea: Thanks, sister! Thanks a lot! I guess fresh material would have been too much of a challenge, huh?

I just can't tell you how impressed I was to hear Maggie Casella say, "Jodie Foster on my face" and "Don't worry, we'll take care of your wives!" Very delightful and dignified! Not crotch politics? Really? Oh, yes, please thank Robin Tyler for announcing that Hillary "had an affair with one of us in college, but didn't inhale." Do these people have a brain cell left?

Ms. Tyler stated, "If I never have sex with a woman again, I'd still be a lesbian!" The truth is if she never had sex with a woman again, it would be because the lesbian community ran out of fools! By the way: someone please be kind and tell Robin Tyler the truth—she's not funny anymore!

Then, of course, Girls in the Nose were out of place with their "breast rubbing," as was the S/M display by Pussy Tourette. Not crotch politics? Yeah, right! Oh, yes, Funny (sic) Gay Males simulating fellatio was again very entertaining, but not at the foot of our capitol dome during a civil rights march!

So, this is *us*—a group of sex-obsessed idiots! Just great! If I could have gone backstage, I would have told the March Committee to "Go fuck itself!"

I'm doubly offended because this march was compared to the civil rights march of Martin Luther King, Jr., which was a dignified and strategically planned event. I knew several African-American sisters and brothers who are likewise offended—some are angry! We sincerely respected Dr. King, who was a man of true greatness, and to compare this fiasco to that event is outrageous and sad! Any greatness on the stage was canceled out by the few non-thinking fools. I really feel for Allen Schindler's mother too!

Wouldn't it have been lovely, when Dr. King spoke so eloquently, if he was then followed by Redd Foxx telling blue jokes and calling white folks "honkies." Then maybe Richard Pryor could have stated that Jackie Kennedy was "fuckable" as well. Maybe they could have followed that with Little Richard, in drag, singing about how loving and peaceful he was, and perhaps accenting the upbeat with S/M slaps to a nice Black butch sidekick!

It will take many years and much, much work to repair this damage—if that is even possible. The people responsible for this fiasco should think deeply about the damage done! Remember: there is a time and place for everything, and what may be fine and entertaining in a club has no place at a solemn and serious, dignified event.

Please also let the word go out to the organizers of the "Dyke March." They should know that spray painting "Lesbian Avengers" on government buildings and monuments, and chanting "2, 4, 6, 8, how do you know Chelsea is straight?" in front of the White House is counterproductive, not to mention juvenile! When I heard, "We're dykes. Don't touch us. We'll hurt you!" I was so impressed! That's when several of us left the march!

How is it that we are always demanding respect, but unwilling to show it? Please (Dyke March organizers) grow up! Get serious. This is the future of millions of gay/lesbian/bisexuals you are fucking with. I sincerely hope and pray that the organizers of "Stonewall 25" have a set of standards and expectations that we don't make total fools of ourselves at the U.N.!

We can do much better, so let's!

Name withheld by request

Sad State of Affairs

The article by Margaret Deirdre O'Hartigan in your May 20 issue ("I Accuse"), struck a chord deep within my heart. Thank you for publishing it. This is precisely the pain that many of us feel when we experience rejection and exclusion from our lesbian and gay sisters and brothers. I only hope that Filisa Vistima's suicide will help a few people to be able to see what can result from intolerance and bigotry.

It is a sad state of affairs when a community that has long been oppressed and labeled by the dominant culture as mentally ill, perverted, etc., practices the same kind of oppression that has driven many lesbian and gay men to suicide. Unfortunately, her story is not uncommon, as many of us in the transgender community can attest.

The prejudicial and discriminatory laws traditionally used against lesbian/gay people are used against us, as well. Psychiatric facilities, which would never tolerate homophobia, tell us we're crazy and allow their staff to make transphobic comments and insult us, practically at will. Because we refute the Freudian axiom that biology is destiny, they medicate and shock us with impunity. Some fundamentalist, fascist-like, feminist authors bash us with dehumanizing labels like "Frankensteinian," and suggest that we should be "morally mandated out of existence." That's frightening. That's the same kind of language used by Pat Robertson and Adolf Hitler!

SF Supervisors gathered at Sup. Hallinan's house on May 21 for a United Campaign Fundraiser for Angie Fa. (L-r): Carole Migden, Terrence Hallinan and Sue Bierman with Angie Fa. Photo by Rink

On Sunday, May 23, members of Transgender Nation participated in several actions at Moscone Center, to protest the American Psychiatric Association's annual convention. Transgendered people are in much the same place the gay/lesbian community was 20 years ago. Transsexualism is considered a mental illness and, as a result, many of us experience psychiatric torture, like gay people. It is sad to note that there were not more lesbian and gay people protesting the APA's presence.

Transsexual women like Filisa Vistima often cannot get the life-saving surgery we need. We are often denied employment or fired from jobs, solely because we are transsexual. Because transsexuality is considered a mental illness, ergo, someone who wants gender confirmation surgery must be out of their mind. Transsexual surgery is still considered experimental or cosmetic. This despite the fact that people don't usually wear their genitals on the outside of their clothing and that gender confirmation surgery has been around for over 60 years, longer than coronary bypass surgery and many other techniques.

1993 has been proclaimed "Year of the Queer." To me this is a celebration of beauty, of diversity, the spirit of Stonewall—which was, after all, a transgender riot, having been led by African-American and Puerto Riquena street queens. I am deeply saddened that a beautiful sister like Filisa Vistima could not live to see a truly queer community which respects and even rejoices in its diversity. If people learn from her death, then maybe her sacrifice will have been worth it. Unfortunately, I fear that there will be a lot more Filisas before we will have a truly "queer" community—a transgender, bisexual, lesbian, gay, etc., community.

In solidarity with Filisa... Christine R. Tayleur
San Francisco

Defending Our Space

This is in response to your May 20 article, "I Accuse," by M.D. O'Hartigan.

Believe me, I know who the fascists are.

My great-grandfather left Austria to flee anti-Jewish violence and died in poverty. Other relatives were murdered by Nazis in the Holocaust. Every morning when I went to school I walked past walls daubed with swastikas and sat at desks with swastikas carved into them. I've had my photograph taken by skinheads threatening to kill me for marching against racism.

As a lesbian living in a rural area I was harassed and threatened every day by groups of young men and women who had nothing better to do than taunt the local queer. I know lesbians who've had their homes firebombed, others who've been shot at and driven from their homes with death threats.

Believe me, I know who the fascists are, and I strongly resent being likened to one because I do not accept that "male to female transsexuals" are part of the lesbian community.

Sure, the whole "J'accuse" thing looks good in print, but the analogies made were inaccurate. Lesbians are killing themselves every day out of loneliness and desperation and are also being murdered, but this is not considered worthy of media attention. Many of us survive against terrible odds, often because we are able to meet together in places away from our oppressors, a right that all oppressed groups should have.

Don't let yourself be fooled by the rhetoric. Lesbians need other lesbians much more than anyone else does, and choosing to put lesbians first does not make me or any other lesbian a fascist.

Our space is small and precious. We have a right to defend it. If any lesbians who also feel upset about this issue would like to get in touch with me, please write to PO Box 9806, Oakland 94613.

In Dyke Separatist Solidarity... Sylph
Oakland

Does Filisa Blame Seattle?

Filisa Vistima killed herself. It was a sad act, but it was her choice. Why does M.D. O'Hartigan ("I Accuse," *SF Bay Times*, May 20) wish to blame Seattle's communities? What about Vistima's friends and loved ones? Why didn't Filisa commit herself for psychiatric care? Why didn't Filisa demand her civil rights?

We may never know the answers, but I do know O'Hartigan has no right to drag Filisa's fractured memories through O'Hartigan's own agenda of victimology. She should adopt "the child I never had," not use a dead person to solve her own riddles. O'Hartigan is far more melodramatic in her "J'Accuse" commentary than Filisa was in her journals. Does Filisa blame Seattle?

Transsexuals can feel alienated with one hand in the gay world and another in the transgendered world. There is still much ignorance and lack of respect for transsexuals, especially in the (unblamed) society in general.

Frederic Kahler
Seattle Gay News Columnist
Seattle, Wash.

Astounding Support

The amount of support from the gay and men's communities to the May 22 Women and Cancer Walk was truly astounding.

The 5K fundraiser held in Golden Gate Park raised money for nine Bay Area organizations supporting women with cancer. A heartfelt thanks to the seven men who showed up for the Walk.

Helen Vozenilek
participant
San Francisco

Gender Diverse Alliances

While contemplating my lack of political involvement since returning to San Francisco after a lengthy hiatus in the Midwest, I spent an afternoon reading some local lesbian/gay/bi community publications—mostly the *SF Bay Times*, since I was one of the original staff writers and was curious about its progress.

First I was surprised by the change in the content and tone of the letters and articles, especially those related to community inclusion of transgendered and transsexual folk. So much more deadly earnest and antagonistic than I remembered! Then, more specifically, I was struck by the absence of the terms "gender diverse" and "gender minorities" in reference to lesbian/gay/bisexual/cross-dressing/transgendered people as a group or even as a theoretical/potential alliance.

These terms have been used in mainstream progressive academic and political circles for some time to describe us. The contexts in which the terms are used are supportive and the assumption is that we share a loosely unified perspective.

One of the most common contexts is that of mental health. Gender diverse people raised in religiously conservative environments are far more at risk for emotional difficulties and mental illnesses than are members of the gender majority.

The other most common context is that of political science. We are seen as an increasingly potent

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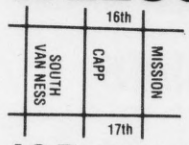

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challenge to the increasingly fascistic political religious right, especially as we build alliances with feminists and racial minorities.

The absence of these terms and the alliances they represent, as well as the acidic tone of most of the articles and letters, suggested to me that many politically active people here are exhausted. Given present circumstances, this is frightening.

While anger can be a powerful tool for persuasion and the venting of one's frustrations can be emotionally refreshing, the inappropriate expression of these feelings and the introversion that often accompany exhaustion can have ruinous effects.

We have come so far in the Bay Area and are seen by so many as a leader in our culture's changing perceptions of gender. My fear is that now, as the national spotlight arrives to explore our community and its politics, we are too tired from the long battles with bigotry and AIDS to present an accurate appearance.

After 20 years of community work here and in Grand Rapids, Mich., I still have the desire to do my part in the cause. But I need to be inspired and energized in order to be motivated and useful. Having recognized my own exhaustion and internalized oppression reflected in the pages of our publications, I appeal to all gender-diverse people, especially the old battle-axes and warhorses like myself, to join me in learning to care for ourselves and each other.

It is crucial to remember that in the political arena just as in intimate relationships, verbal abuse never makes things better. Also, that finding and nurturing alliances is ultimately more exciting, energizing and productive than picking fights with and about potential allies perceived as enemies.

Gwen DeJong
San Francisco

Calling All Gays & Queers

GLAAD/SFBA will hold a town meeting on the Gay vs. Queer controversy. We are currently assembling a panel of persons from our community who represent a broad spectrum of viewpoints on this issue. Since much of this debate has occurred in the letters to the editor sections of our community's newspapers, we would feel remiss if we did not issue a specific invitation to your readers and letter writers. Prospective panelists may submit their names by contacting the GLAAD office at (415) 861-4588 or fax us at (415) 861-4893. The deadline is June 12.

The level of enthusiasm for this event is already high. We hope to provide a serious examination of this important and controversial issue. It also promises to be an exciting event and an important beginning to this year's parade week activities.

All members of the lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgendered and/or queer communities are invited to attend and are encouraged to speak out publicly.

The forum and town meeting will be held on Saturday, June 19 from 1 pm to 3 pm at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St., between Valencia and Guerreo.

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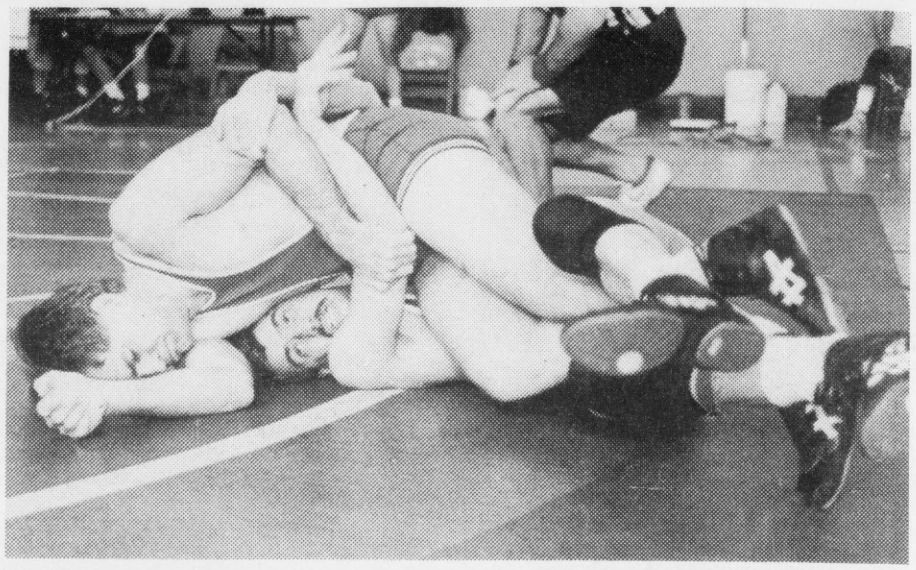
Pity the Poor Straight Boys

Re: Gays in the military—I feel sorry for those poor, pathetic little straight boys in the military who are so afraid of catching homosexuality from their bunkmates and who are so afraid of being looked at "funny" in the showers.

But I lose that pity when I see those same guys walk past women and stare at their tits, make disgusting noises and make comments like, "C'mon, baby, you know you want it."

Let's face the facts: What self-respecting homosexual is going to cruise or proposition the sorry likes described above? No way! Gays cruise gays and lesbians cruise lesbians. We go to places where we meet



Ed Lindsey wrestles Gepheart at the Sports Festival '93 on May 23 at the Collingwood gym. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

people with the same sexual orientation. We don't waste time on paranoid, uptight, narrow-minded, bigoted straights. Life's too damn short!

I think Arthur Hoppe of the *San Francisco Chronicle* has the right idea: "Ban heterosexuals from the military."

If heterosexuals are so afraid of gays and lesbians in their ranks, how will they face a real enemy in combat? And, if we have an all-homosexual military, the problem of women being raped all over the world wouldn't exist; there wouldn't be unwanted babies left all over the planet to grow up with no fathers in poverty and shame; and there sure as hell wouldn't be any more Tailhook scandals.

Colin Powell, put that in your pipe and smoke it!

Paula Zimmerman
San Francisco

Chavez and Us

Over the last few weeks I have anxiously awaited your newspaper to report on the death of Cesar Chavez. Perhaps your newspaper and the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community thought Chavez had nothing to do with them. Allow me to share my experience.

I am a Chicanalesbian activist, born and raised in the farmworking communities of Idaho and Oregon. Over the years, my family settled in the Salinas Valley. Some of them still work in strawberry and broccoli fields. I have lived in San Francisco on and off for the last five years. Although San Francisco is my adopted home, I have never forgotten my roots as a farmworker.

I was sitting in my office when I heard that Chavez had passed away in his sleep. When word of his death fell upon my ears, sadness gripped my heart and I uttered, "Oh no, not Cesar." Although I have never met Chavez, I know the work he undertook touched my life. You see, I know he touched my life because I remember working in the onion fields in Ontario, Ore., and I remember a day when my father told me that no longer would we use the short hoe to cut away weeds. Today I know that it was Cesar who lobbied for the elimination of the short hoe. The battles that Chavez undertook gave me and other Chicanos dignity and self-worth.

While everyone was returning from the March on Washington, there was a swarm of activities in the Latina lesbian community. A companera (friend) of mine was busy organizing a caravan to travel to Delano to attend the vigil and funeral of Cesar. I and six of my friends (all Latina lesbians) took time off from work to attend the funeral. As we drove to Delano, it was clear that the farmworker movement has a long way to go, for outside of Los Banos crop-dusters were flying over the valley, spreading their poison in the air. My friends and I got into Delano and jumped in the procession and luckily found seats in the tent where the mass was being held. Indeed the crowd was filled with familiar names: Dolores Huerta, Jesse Jackson, Kennedys, Linda Ronstadt, Luis Valdez, Edward Olmos, and on and on, but by and large the crowd was made up of farmworkers.

Let me share that while my friends and I waited for everyone to take a seat, I caught a glimpse of a young man carrying a rainbow flag; yes, carrying the flag that represents the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community. Alongside the UFW flag and the Mexican flag stood the rainbow flag—for one minute, all that I am stood in that tent.

So, I came home and wondered how the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community would take the death of Cesar Chavez. Well, I am very disappointed that nothing was reported. A very dear acquaintance of mine wrote to your paper and noted how Cesar was our friend. Cesar was indeed a friend of the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community, for he *understood* that every individual deserves dignity and respect. What is so upsetting about the lack of coverage on the death of this great leader is that the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community did not recognize that Cesar's death was a personal loss to their Latino sisters and brothers. Yep, once again, the "white press" in the gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community had a narrow scope of what is news to "our" community.

Now, I hate to gripe and walk away, so I ask those who have the ability to publish news, how can our newspapers be expanded to report significant developments relative to the entire gay/lesbian/bisexual/transgender community. I don't have all the answers, but hey, I'm willing to be part of the process to find them.

Maria Salazar
San Francisco

More Christian Lies

I found Mr. Ken Tipton's letter ("Not All Christians," *SF Bay Times*, May 20) responding to my historical comments on Christianity and homosexuality quite interesting. In his first sentence, Mr. Tipton places derogatory references to homosexuals in quotation marks, creating the impression that he was quoting me. Everyone can reread my original letter printed in your May 6 issue and see how Mr. Tipton has slandered me. However, this is a very typical

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Christian act. Christians, even the early sect in the first century of our period, spread lies about their competitiors, especially the Montanists who were accused of heresy by their adherence to Mosaic law after the main sect had abandoned it to ease the conversion of the gentiles. Christians have advanced their cause so well by lies that one must acknowledge that their "Big Lie" war against the communists was actually brutish when compared with their lies against European healers and "witches" in the Middle Ages, Jews in all ages, and now that we are in the period of the Quincentennial, their lies against Native Americans. Perhaps Bishop Landa's characterization of Mesoamerican literature as "lies of the Devil" was one of their most astounding lies.

What is really most unnerving about Mr. Tipton's letter is its tone. His is not quite hysterical, but he is outraged. His Christian brothers have been, well, so Christian, so "liberal." He dispels the history of Christianity by a few years of "being good." He is incensed that I "condemn" other Christian groups. No, I don't condemn them, they condemn themselves by their acts, by their refusal to act in accordance with their stated and traditional beliefs. I really can't tell if the fact that Mr. Tipton doesn't ride with the KKK who wear crosses of Christ on their breasts or rape Muslim women in Bosnia makes him a good or bad Christian. I must agree with Mr. Tipton that if Christians showed more love for their fellow man, if they flocked to minister to the poor and helpless, if they took into their homes the unwanted children they force women to give birth to by their opposition to abortion—yes, then I would see that they have a "need to show love and understanding in the name of God, rather than hate and condemnation." Unfortunately, I fear that they are too well trained at throwing people like me, people they cannot "convert," onto the faggot pile as a sacrifice to their god.

Please, Mr. Tipton, I hope you and all your brethren prove me wrong.

Nikos Cathar
San Francisco

Don't Mess With Queer Press

I was shocked to read in Thom Bean's "Bean Sprouts" column in the May 6 *SF Bay Times* about "the two-tier press credential system" at the April 25 National March rally in Washington, D.C. Thom Bean reported that "most of the gay press attending the event were cordoned off and rudely turned back." There was a fence and monitors blocking the queer press' access to the rally stage.

As a lesbian/gay press person I am used to being restricted at anti-gay Jesus zombie churches, Nazi skinhead rallies, and Catholic colleges during condom giveaways. But to read and hear about restrictions on *our* press at a million-queer event is just incomprehensible. To read and hear that non-gay/lesbian/bi/transgender press were favored is beneath contempt.

Supposed reasons for this behavior on the part of the D.C. March Committee include: blatant internalized homophobia and hatred of the queer press, along with a financial reason. There was supposedly an interest in limiting the number of close-up videos of the rally, in order to sell more copies of "the official video."

Doesn't the National March Committee owe the lesbian/gay press and the community an explanation?

Rink Foto
San Francisco

Don't Throw Away History

Many people in the gay and lesbian community have over the past decade been placed in the unenviable position of trying to decide what to do with the private papers and certain personal effects of friends and lovers after their deaths. Often families don't want the materials or destroy them out of malice or ignorance of their potential value in documenting our lives during a time of unprecedented change.

I would like to call to the attention of the community the existence of two organizations which are anxious to accept and preserve papers and artifacts that will define clearly to the future who we were when all of us are dead and gone. The Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California, P.O. Box 424280, San Francisco, CA 94142, (415) 626-0980, is particularly interested in journals, diaries, letters, photos, magazines, flyers and pamphlets which will help to record the turmoil in our lives since Stonewall certainly but from any time previous that will lend insight into what it's like to be gay/lesbian/bisexual/transsexual in nominally straight world.

The Exodus Trust, 1523 Franklin St., San Francisco, CA 94109, (415) 928-1133, which already has one of the largest collections of artifacts relating to human sexuality in the world, is interested in a wide variety of materials that illuminate the enormous diversity of human sexuality—fetishes, paraphernalia/toys of all kinds, as well as written materials that would supplement and support these ojects. So before you throw away what comes your way into the nearest debris box, fireplace or trash can, give a call to either or both of these local organizations. Remember, one person's trash is another's history.

R.H. Wagner
San Francisco

The Bay Area Non-Partisan Alliance held a reception May 20 for ousted lesbian and gay soldiers Sgt. Jose Zuniga (l) and Lt. Zoe Dunning. Photo by Rink

Lenci Cruise Travel at the SF Gay & Lesbian World Travel Expo (L-r): Susan Keach, Vicki Lenci, Sheri Thomas. Photo by Rink

Stuck

The massive cutbacks San Francisco has had to endure over the past few years took on dramatic reality for scores of us last Saturday.

Boarding a jammed Muni train that morning, many of us had noticed that the train had moved into Castro Station slowly. Pulling out of the station, the train stopped a few yards into the tunnel. There it remained for over 20 minutes.

During that time a mentally ill man began crying and pleading that the train move on. When he was not doing that, he was shouting, "I hope everyone who voted for Clinton dies of AIDS! I hope everyone who voted for Clinton dies of AIDS" over and over again.

The train was crammed with individuals and families, many of them tourists. We were all trapped since the car had already pulled into the tunnel. One man turned to his wife and said, "This is what hell must be like!" Finally, someone persuaded the driver to back up the few yards necessary to let us out into the station. People literally fled from the train.

I cannot think of a better example of how increasing cuts to Muni and mental health services has a direct impact on our primary industry—tourism. It will take more than a good PR campaign with cute pictures of cable cars to convince the people on that train that the City is really one that "knows how."

Bob Nelson
SF Interreligious Coalition on AIDS
San Francisco

Unacceptable Cuts

The following letter was sent to Melinda Paras, member of the San Francisco Health Commission:

As president of Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club I would like to register our shock and outrage that your commission would vote to support the mayor's draconian budget cuts.

We demand that you stand up to the mayor and protect the vital health programs provided by the City. These programs are already understaffed and overburdened; any further reduction of services is not acceptable. Cuts in these programs will adversely effect the HIV-positive members of our community. We are particularly outraged that a member of our community, Melinda Paras, would support and vote for such cuts.

In the past, we as a club have not participated nor encouraged civil disorder; however, we would like to go on record as stating that if the budget cuts in health services go through as proposed, the lesbian and gay community will not tolerate this affront.

These cuts are not acceptable.

Matthew Rothschild
President
Alice B. Toklas Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club
San Francisco

More Unhappy Customers

The California Eagles Motorcycle Club has joined the long list of organizations that have closed longstanding accounts with Bank of America (or its acquisitions) and taken their business elsewhere.

The club finds repugnant the bank's continued funding of the Boy Scouts of America, a group that openly and shamelessly discriminates against gays. And we are unswayed by the bank's hypocritical attempts to defend its position. Just as the Boy Scouts have chosen to discriminate against gays, for your corporate cowardice, we have chosen to discriminate against you.

Peter Haase
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California Eagles Motorcycle Club
San Francisco

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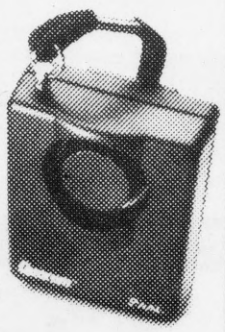

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(astrology)

BY JACK FERTIG

Busy, But Dizzy

"June is a busy month for brides and homosexuals." So saith Armistead Maupin. And this month indeed is busy—and dizzy. Mars is now in Leo, enflaming flamboyant charges of energy; but it's also aspecting Neptune and Uranus, so focus is hard to achieve and harder to maintain. Overly certain egos will be tilting against dubious authorities. This leads into a martian square to Pluto (in Scorpio), intensifying any struggles already started. This can be a very productive time (but not a pretty one) to examine issues of self-worth and conflicts with father figures and other authorities. Good questions are more likely to turn up clearer questions than clear answers, but such is the nature of any truly philosophic inquiry. Be gentle on yourself and with your friends, and pick your targets carefully.

SUN SIGNS

ARIES: Even in your rare moments of quiet humility you take great pride in your accomplishments. Right now you're as effervescent in your efforts as a 4-year-old who's just made a Mother's Day card. Enthusiasm usually looks good on you, but right now it could get you into a spot of trouble. It seems that the boss (or some other authority figure) has her own ideas about how things should be done. Your eagerness, however admirable in principle, could be a step in the wrong direction and a big leap into disaster. Resist your usual proclivity to initiative and make sure you are in step with your boss every step of the way. Learning to cooperate thus will in fact have benefits.

TAURUS: Your roommates are already noticing how difficult and frustrated you're getting. You may even be getting a clue yourself. Right now you're pulled in two very different directions. (A Pisces might handle that very nicely, but for you it's just a pain.) On the one hand you feel compelled to make your home a gorgeous showcase. On the other, you just want to get the hell away—away from the house, out of the state, into another country and perhaps even off the planet. One way to reconcile is to imitate Doris Fish and re-do your home as an extraterrestrial pleasure pad. Or head off in the other direction and study an ancestral tongue. The easy way out is just to shrug off the conflicting urges. These too shall pass.

GEMINI: Despite your reputation as a light-hearted chatterbox, you're expressing yourself in very serious terms these days. That ain't bad, but it can be (1) disconcerting to those who are used to you; (2) intimidating to those who aren't; and (3) leaving you a bit dazed that people are taking you *so* seriously. A bit of role-playing, preferably—but not necessarily—of an erotic nature, will help you to center yourself and release the energy that's building up in you. A conversation with Death can also be very illuminating—and perhaps not quite as imaginary as one would be tempted to think.

CANCER: Financial issues are threatening your relationship. As much as you want to stick to your position, you'll do much better in the long run if you adapt. This is not the time to settle anything (any agreement made now will need adjustment later!), but it's a good time to air issues. "Fault finding" can be discouraging, but done with love and integrity it is in fact identifying problems for resolution. Love and integrity may be hard to balance. You want perfection. It's reasonable to *want* perfection only if you don't seriously expect it. Take satisfaction in every small improvement.

LEO: You've been on a tear lately, and now you're likely to get torn! You're feeling a great deal of performance pressure. It's probably all in your own head, and even if it isn't you're exaggerating it. Pace yourself carefully. Your eagerness to charge ahead can cause a lot of confusion at work. You can also endanger your health. The trick now is to focus your energy, preferably through meditation (some forms of exercise qualify, and you already know if yours does). And be aware of limits—yours and others'.

VIRGO: Inner demons can be expunged through artistic activities and humor, good or otherwise. A Sylvia Plath memorial poetry reading and bake-off should be a real gas! If you're drawn to depression, make a caricature of somebody from your childhood whom you absolutely hated. Creative and spiritual play will release a lot of surprises from your inner self. One of the surprises is certain to be anger. Anger can be wonderful when channeled into politics (very carefully!) or physically demanding work, or just screamed out in an appropriate place.

LIBRA: Don't take any domestic advice from your friends this week, and if you do have them over, make sure it's OK with your housemates. On the other hand, your friends are good for helping you to focus and release some of the family issues that have been making you a bit crazed in recent months. Compare your current ideals to those you had as a child, and compare both of those to your parents' ideals. Similarities as well as differences will surprise you! Next week be very careful about your money. You'll be tempted to spend conspicuously, but that would surely draw big trouble!

SCORPIO: You're unusually outspoken these days. As you speak out, others are wondering what the hell you're talking about, and for that matter, so are you. This is a wonderful time to express yourself in terms of poetry, mystery, allegory and myth. You could even gain a reputation as a poet or shaman. Don't even try to represent yourself as being at all logical. All this attention adds to your charisma, but don't take it too seriously. Oh, yes, you deserve and can enjoy the attention, but it will bring challenges, perhaps getting you in over your head. Confrontations with authority will cost you dearly, even if you do win.

SAGITTARIUS: Money has been a big problem for you lately. Others would react by holding a conservative rein on their spending. You're tempted now just to chuck it all and go on a grand vacation. A simpler escape would be a good science-fiction novel. Frustration leads you all too easily into arguments. You may enjoy a good principled debate, but is there anything principled going on here? Probably it's just cranky acting out. Evaluate arguments before you start and at each opportunity to continue or to quit. With some effort you could concentrate on reconciling any differences between your basic value system and your ideals.

CAPRICORN: Everything you do, dear goat, you do the best you can. Right now you may be doing better than you imagine. But what are you doing? Your energies are clearly focused on major challenges right now, involving death or eros—perhaps both. In either case it is so easy to get so deeply involved in the other person(s) in this situation that you can lose your sense of self. That may not be so bad in the very short term. In fact a brief release of identity can be a very important step toward growth. Leave yourself open to love, and to any G-d or "higher power" you believe in.

AQUARIUS: You are torn between involvement and isolation—yes, typically, but now the tug of war is very straining. As much as your energy is now directed toward others (and one other in particular), you do need time to yourself. A retreat with your beloved may be in order (you're too moody and self-involved now to call it a "honeymoon"); or be very careful to balance private and social time. Any fights that come up will have an impact on your career. Through the next two weeks struggles will escalate. The queen of the hill is everyone's favorite target, and as you win you'll draw the fire of greater opponents. As you feel compelled to attack authority, be very careful to choose appropriate targets.

PISCES: You're a very hard working little fishie these days, although you may not be entirely sure why you're working quite so hard. You could just be obsessing, or otherwise working on unrealistic expectations. Take at least a little time to discuss your goals and schedule with a friend you trust. Your health could be at stake here. If you're running on stress, there's burn-out right around the corner. That could lead to a very dramatic collapse. Your friends would like to see more of you, but you'll have to decide for yourself when to work and when to play. You find that a difficult balance to achieve, so give yourself room to adjust in either direction. Leave gaps in your schedule, and if you really have nothing to do in those moments, meditate. ✿

Coming Up

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JUN 3 / T H U

Hospice Volunteer Training See 6/15 listing.

Naked Nude Group Art Show: 1-5 pm at Eros, 2051 Market St, SF. Come celebrate the human form in the nude, with 18 nude artists. Painting, sculpture, poetry, food, fun, music. Admission $5. Mandatory clothes check. Events line: 864-3767.

Judaism/Buddhism Lecture at SFJCC. "Sacred Mountains in Judaism & Buddhism," a discussion of their significance by Ed Birnbaum, PhD, mountaineer, photographer, scholar of comparative religions and author of *Sacred Mountains of the World*. 7:30 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040 ext 3046.

Bookparty for Elizabeth Pincus' *The Solitary Twist*, the second mystery novel in Pincus' series on the lesbian sleuth Nell Fury. 7:30 pm at Modern Times Bookstore, 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

ACT UP/SF meets 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-0291.

Cover Your Assets! A Co-Ownership of Property Wkshop at Old Wives' Tales Bookstore. Meriel Lindley, attorney at law and Kim Harmon, attorney/mediator and director of Conflict Resolution Services, discuss the legal ramifications for same-sex couples of owning property together. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Bindlestiff Productions presents "Deepest Sympathy" June 3-26. For info, see OnStage. Photo by Paul Felder

JUN 4 / F R I

Festival at the Lake: Annual extravaganza at Lakeside Park, on the shores of Lake Merritt, downtown Oakland. 10 am-6 pm, today thru 6/6. Three days of fabulous music and dance, with a special focus on Mexican and Mexican-American artists & California traditional arts; also four stages of nonstop music & dance (gospel, r&b, Haitian *Rara*, blues, reggae, jazz, Hawaiian hula, Yurok Indian ceremonial dance; Polynesian, Mexican & West African dance). Festival includes the award-winning Kid's Kaleidoscope, a "festival-within-the-festival" featuring several interactive, educational & fun activities for kids, conducted by child-oriented organizations, including the Oakland Zoo & SF's Exploratorium. Kid's Kaleidoscope features its own Young Artist Stage with performances by some of the Bay Area's most accomplished young performers. Festival also features a International Food Fair, providing a culinary tour thru the cuisines of the world, as prepared by over 40 of the best Bay Area restaurants & caterers. Tix: $6 for ages 12 & over, $2 ages 6-11, ages 5 & under are free. Kids & seniors are admitted free on Friday. For more program info call (510) 286-1061.

Marion Zimmer Bradley autographs and speaks about her new books *Rediscovery*, a novel of Darkover, and *Jamie & Other Stories*. 6-8 pm at Dark Carnival Bookstore, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

Bringing Hearts Together. A festive fundraiser dinner/dance for the Filipino Task Force on AIDS; featuring Filipino dance company, Likha, plus dance music by *InfraRed*, *D'Groove* and *Night Shift*; fashions by Jean-Edmon Zapanta. Guest speakers: SF Board of Supervisors president, Angela Alioto; Santa Barbara County supervisor Gloria M Ochoa. White House personnel manager Paula Bagasao (to be confirmed). 6-12:30 pm. Metropolitan Ballroom, ANA Hotel, 50 Third St, SF. For tix & other info call FTFA 703-9878 or Sophie Rojo 334-4780.

S/M as a Spiritual & Magical Journey. Class taught by Michael Dane. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Michael & his partner do an extensive scene where the goal is for them to go on a spiritual journey together. The scene will likely include bondage, whipping, spanking, caning & clothespins. After the break, Michael conducts a class discussion. $20-10 SL fee. Doors open at 7 pm, class held 7:30-10 in a private SF space. Info/location: 550-7776.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance. 7 & 9 pm in the Eastbay, tonight & 6/11. Info/location: Gerri (510) 428-2144.

Shabbat Gathering of Jewish lesbians, bisexual women & their women friends. Come and let go of the week and your work; bring in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing and Jewish culture—no experience necessary! 7:30 pm, SF location. Bring a substantial vegetarian potluck dish. Please wear no scents. For location & directions call 431-4070, for more info call 647-7209.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Marjorie Heins, founding director of the ACLU Arts Censorship Project, discusses her book, *Sex, Sin & Blasphemy: A Guide to America's Censorship Wars*. Book makes the connections between archaic obscenity laws, record labeling, movie ratings, book bannings & harassment of museums by the Right. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

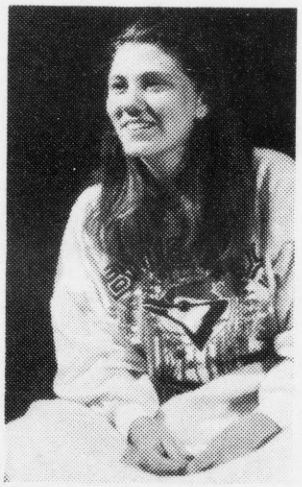
At A Different Light Bookstore: Paul Attinello gives his first SF reading of his stories & poetry. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

At Mama Bears: Evening of poetry & art for women, with Leah Korican. Leah shares work from her latest chapbook, *Her Story*, a long piece dealing with the myth of Daphne, Anita Hill and healing from rape. 8 pm, $5. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Gay Comedy Night at the SF Eagle. 8 pm, $8 adv, $10 at door. Proceeds benefit the "C" Division, SF Gay Softball League. Night of fine entertainment starring Tom Ammiano, Shan Carr, Gail Hand & Karen Ripley, plus magician & escape artist Dustin Coupe; with special performance by the Lollipop Guild. Master & Mistress of Ceremonies comic Danny Williams & Miss Gay San Francisco, Donna Sachet. Hosted by Ray Tilton & Nova Lei. Also 50/50 raffle, buffet, beer/soda bust. Info/res: (916) 753-0149 or (415) 255-1927. 12th & Harrison, SF.

Holly Hughes in "Clit Notes" at Josie's Cabaret. Renowned lesbian performance artist Hughes, one of the notorious NEA 4 and one of Jesse Helms' least favorite performers, returns to Josie's with step two of her 10-step plan to advance lesbianism globally thru song, dance & monologue. In this one-woman show she draws on her experiences as a small town bowling champion, Jesus freak, Red Lobster waitress & femme lesbian. Show plays Wed-Sun thru 6/13 at 8 pm. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Postcards, Roadmaps, Raindrops & Bonsai: New solo performance pieces written & performed by Kirsten H Marshall, David Hirata, Randy Rutherford and Loie Hayward. 8 pm tonight & tmw at Shotwell Studio, 3252A 19th St, SF. Info/res: 861-1591. $7-10 SL.



Judith Thompson's "The Crackwalker" plays weekends June 4-20 at the YMCA. OnStage has details.

Queer Minyan: a gay/lesbian Jewish renewal group combining traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook, holds its first meeting at 8:15 pm. No knowledge or experience necessary! For time, location & other info call 334-8449.

Lesbian Comics Karen Ripley & Carol Steinel keep you laughing at Josie's tonight—10 pm, $10. Don't miss! 3583 16th St, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

JUN 5 / S A T

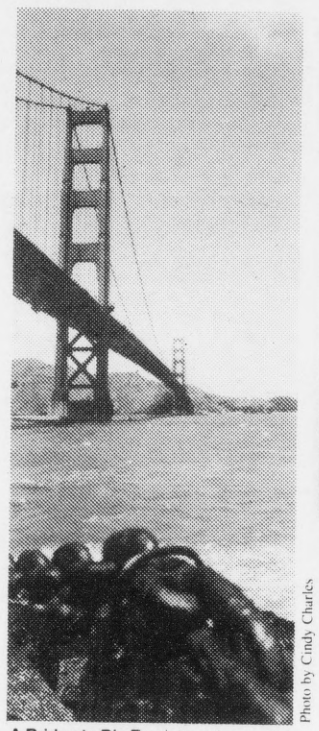
National Trails Day: Gay/Lesbian Sierrans do their part by doing trail construction in the Marin headlands. Wanta help? Sign-up by 6/2—281-5666 (voicemail).

Hospice Volunteer Training. See 6/15.

Family of Pride '93: A celebration for the lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgendered communities of Santa Cruz County: Today thru 6/12. Call (408) 425-LGBC for program details.

The Great SF Crystal Fair: 10 am-6 pm today, 10 am-4 pm tmw, at Ft Mason Center, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Tix $4 gen'l, kids under 12 are free. Free parking. Info: Pacific Crystal Guild 383-7837.

Bass Lake Hike 'N' Swim with Marin Hike & Bike Club: Meet 10 am on the Larkspur City Hall steps, 400 Magnolia Ave, downtown Larkspur. We'll grab a coffee at Java then carpool over the mountain to Bolinas, the trailhead for this spectacular coastal hike to Marin's only swimmable & clothing-optional lake. Bring fixins' for a picnic. Info: Jay (707) 523-3822.



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A Bridge to Die For. Interactive murder mystery, featuring a reunion of Lilith Theater. Proceeds benefit the Women's Building Capital Campaign. Written by Joan Mankin & Lavern Keuss, play is about the suspicious death of Arnold Wannabegan, designer of the Golden Gate Bridge. Arnold's death sparks an old feud between the Victome and Wannabegan family, who battle over a $10 million inheritance. The family members (the event participants) plus nine other "characters" contest, dispute and solve the mystery during the reading of the will and its ensuing womanly twists & turns. Reading begins precisely at 6 pm. Because the complexity & animosity of the families will cause guests to work up an appetite, a team of accomplished women chefs from Zuni Cafe, Elka, Vince SF & Cypress Club will be on hand to nourish culinary desires. Tix $75-100 include dinner. Tix info/res: Roma Guy or Shirley Kennedy 431-1414. Held at the Women's Building, 3543 18th St, SF.

1993 Festival at the Lake! Annual extravaganza is back—see 6/4 listing for details.

Caregiving— The Final Stage. Workshop on supporting someone thru the dying process, a "how-to" wkshop for partners, friends, family members, professionals & volunteers. Facilitated by David Cardenas, a certified nursing assistant experienced in providing counseling & support to dying patients & their caregivers and Anne Grant, PhD, grief counselor. Topics include practical support (the dying process & what to expect, respecting individual rights, suggestions on what to do after death occurs), emotional support (beliefs about death, learning to let go) self-support (acknowledging strengths & limits, dealing with fear & other emotions, expanding one's capacity to live fully). 10 am-4 pm, $35 adv donation requested, scholarships available. Spons by Kairos. Continuing Ed credits available for registered nurses. Held at Francis of Assisi Community, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Info/reg: 861-0877.

Join LVA (Lesbian Visual Artists) for a Banner Painting Party! Help create a spectacular banner for this month's Parade! Paint today (12:00-3 pm), sew on stuff tomorrow (11 am-1 pm). Call Rebeca 337-0191 for info/location. Join in, and carry your artwork!

Intro to S/M. Pt II—Beginning to Play. Class led by Sybil Holiday & William Henkin. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of artistic & educational classes for the s/m community. Once you know the basics of erotic power exchange, how do you start to play? Bill & Sybil address this and other issues that frequently occur for the novice top or bottom. $25 for today's class, $40 for today & 6/12 class. Men & women of all sexual orientations are welcome! Doors open at 12:30 pm, class meets 1-5:30 pm in a private SF space. Info/res: 550-7776.

Country Western Dance Wkshop for beginners & intermediates, presented by Laureen Andrews, Eastbay country dance teacher and member of the *SF Fringe Riders*. Partners not necessary. Learn the most popular line dances in Calif, pick up new two-step and waltz skills, build your confidence. 1-4 pm at Footnotes Dance Studio, 1251 Arroyo Way, Walnut Creek, childcare & ample parking available. For info/reg call (510) 939-4406 or (415) 616-4674.

Spiritual Guidance for Women: Get stuck when it comes to putting your spiritual understanding into practice? Come and ask questions of a psycho-spiritual therapist who offers very practical & clear answers on how to fully live with love for your Self & Others. 2-4 pm, free. Gift of the Goddess Bookstore, 973 Valencia St, SF.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: "Black Ice," party for punk paperbacks from a university press: John Shirley's *New Noir*, Cris Mazza's *Revelation Countdown*, Mark Amerika's *The Kafka Chronicles* and Larry McCaffery's *Avant-Pop*. 6-8 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

MCC-SF Concert: Metropolitan Community Church of SF's acclaimed choirs & chamber orchestra perform Faure's *Requiem* and Purcell's Te Deum. 7 pm, free. 150 Eureka St btwn 18th & 19th, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Holly Hughes in "Clit Notes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/4.

At Mama Bears: Kathryn Warner in concert. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Postcards, Roadmaps, Raindrops & Bonsai: Night of solo performance work at Shotwell Studio, see 6/4.

Country Western Dancing for Women, with Donna E, nationally-known DJ & instructor. 7 pm line dance workshop, followed by 8:30 pm open dancing at the Almonte Club, Mill Valley.

See the world premiere of Adele Prandini's musical fable "Coconut" opening June 5. OnStage has info.

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Tonight & 6/19. Info: 927-4442.

Gay Comedy Night at Josie's Cabaret with SF funnyman Tom Ammiano and Portland's hilarious Carol Steinel. 10 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio, with *Pale Horse* and others. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

Dorothy Allison, author of *Bastard Out of Carolina*, speaks on "A Cure for Bitterness," a talk about the difference between the experience of the survivor and fiction about incest; with discussant Robert Friend, MD, medical director, child & adolescent psychiatry, California Pacific Medical Center. Spons by the The Friends of the SF Psychoanalytic Institute as part of their 14th Annual Lecture Series. 10 am-1 pm, with reception following at the Erik Erikson Library, SF Psychoanalytic Institute, 2420 Sutter St nr Divisadero, SF. Tix: $25 gen'l, $15 stdnts. Limited seating, adv reg encouraged. Discount copies of *Bastard* available for sale at reception. Info: (510) 654-0905.

JUN 6 / S U N

SF Hiking Club goes to see the musical comedy *The Music Man* at the Mountain Theater on Mt Tamalpais. Hike down the mountain follows the show. Info: John 989-3369.

1993 Festival at the Lake: Final day! See 6/4 listing for details.

Lesbian Sexuality 1-Day Wkshop: 10 am-4:30 pm, $45-65 SL fee. Information/discussion. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). Carpools. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss being single, dating, lesbian relationships, community resources, sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression. Create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $45-65 SL fee. Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Marin BACW Business Mtg: Join Bay Area Career Women for some business (elections) plus potluck brunch & swim-

ming (pool). For directions/info call Susan 892-0509. For July's mtg info call Janice 383-6737.

BBQ & Hike for gays, lesbians, family & friends, spons by Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area). Info/location: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.

Lavender Winds Kite Club. Monthly fly on the beach across from SF's Golden Gate Park. Noon. Info: Mark or Brian (510) 797-6997.

Country Western Dance & Beer Bust. Noon-6 pm at Rawhide II, 280 7th St, SF. Dollar hot dogs, country & western dancing, special entertainment!

Come Out for Cuba! Gays, lesbians, bisexuals & transgender people organizing to be visible participants in the US/Cuba Friendship Caravan challenging the inhumane US blockade against Cuba and supporting queers and people with HIV/AIDS in Cuba. 3 pm mtg at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. Info: 995-4678.

Facing East: *An Address Book of Asian Men*—booksigning with photographer Marc J Pincus at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. 3:30-5:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Benny Velarde Super Combo*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At Cabaret Du Nord: Vocalists Amy Fairweather, Brian Burman, Richard McGhee, Erica Paige Bender, *The Hat Band* and emcee Derek Felton. 8:30 pm, $2. 2170 Market St at Sanchez, SF.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: "Face to Face with the Most Dangerous Woman in America," an evening with Ronnie Gilbert performing her work about Mother Jones. 519 Mendocino, #101, Santa Rosa. 5 pm, free. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Friends for Life hosts a black tie benefit for Coming Home Hospice at the Mark Hopkins Hotel, beginning at 6 pm. Program includes dinner, diverse entertainment and an opportunity to acknowledge friends & loved ones who have made an impact. Seating is limited, call for reservations/info: 752-9035.

Queer for Cuba meet 6 pm for a potluck dinner & video, followed by 7 pm mtg to plan actions to build solidarity with the people of Cuba. 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. Info: 995-4678.

Prom Night: A Whole New World," spons by the Asian Pacific Islander Consortium on AIDS and the GAPA Community HIV Project. Missed your senior prom? Want to go to one full of hot, sexy men? Here's your chance! Lots of fun—raffles, prizes, slow & fast dancing, go-go boys, prom photos. Prom Queen & King Contest. DJs Neon Leon and Blackstone. Come alone or bring a date! Semi-formal attire encouraged, but not required. 7 pm-midnight at The Bridge (formerly Trocadero), 520 4th St at Bryant. Info/res: 575-3931.

Black Ice Books Series at Modern Times Bookstore: New series features the new wave of work by dissident writers. Tonight's program includes authors John Shirley (*New Noir*), Chris Mazza (*Revelation Countdown*), Mark Amerika (*The Kafka Chronicles*) and Larry McCaffery, editor of *Avant-Pop: Fiction for a Daydream Nation* in a provocative discussion on the identity & meaning of avant-pop. 7:30 pm. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Phyllis Burke reads from her new book about the politics & joy of lesbian parenthood, *Family Values: Two Moms & Their Son*. 7:30 pm. 439 Castro St, SF. 7:30 pm. Info: 431-0891.

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JUN 7 / MON

Coming Out 1-Day Wkshop for Women new to woman-loving identity. Share feelings, fears & joys in a safe, confidential setting. Discuss lesbian sexuality, sexual identity issues. Learn more about lesbian culture, community & oppression. Create a support network. Appropriate for women in any stage of the coming out process. Mountain View location (40 min south of SF). $45-65 SL fee. Info/reg: Dotty Calabrese 968-1981.

Russian River Gay/Lesbian Pride Festival: 2nd annual fest, a full week of activities, 6/7-13. Lots of entertainment, speakers, music, food, games, arts & crafts, solidarity, pride & fun! Proceeds benefit Face to Face/SCAN. Food for Thought and the Russian River Senior Center. Gate admission is $4. For activities info call (707) 869-9000, (707) 869-3160 or (707) 829-9351. See you there!

Women Writers Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6-9 pm tonight & 6/21 at OC, 1853 Market St, SF. Led by author/performer Ida VSW Red. Writing support group for women over 50 years old. Info: 626-7000.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance for Large Women: Ongoing class meets Mondays & Wednesdays, 6-7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF, 3rd floor. All women size 16 & up are welcome to come boogie! $5-7 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds.

"25 Magic Years," Magic Theatre 25th anniversary benefit celebration: 6:30 pm reception, 8 pm performance. Event celebrates Magic Theatre, which has been in the forefront of American theater for 25 years, introducing such playwrights as Sam Shepard, David Mamet, Lanford Wilson, Terrence McNally & Michael McClure to regional and national audiences. Gala begins with a buffet/wine reception in the lobby of Cowell Theater, prior to an 8 pm performance featuring highlights from several of Magic's award-winning productions. Speakers/performers include SF actors Will Marchetti, John O Keefe, Joy Carlin, Carla Spindt, Bruce Williams, Bob Ernst & some very special surprise guests. Tix $75. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

Oakland Jazz Choir Auditions: OJC, a 55-member choir under the direction of Molly Holm, sings traditional and contemporary jazz with original arrangements by leading Bay Area artists. The group was created by Rhythmic Concepts, Inc (creators of the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir, Santa Cruz's Jazz Camp and the Spring & Fall Music Series). The choir rehearses Wednesday eves at First Unitarian Church in downtown Oakland. Men and people of color are particularly encouraged to audition. Interested? Just show up on 6/7 at 7 pm at First Unitarian, with a prepared solo, accompanist will be provided. Info: (510) 287-8880.

SFJCC Health Lecture: "Free Your Body: A movement awareness workshop with Dr Ellen Stubenhaus. Jennifer Reich & Stella Lorvan. Action-filled workshop focuses on increased awareness of posture and movement to help generate energy and a sense of well being. 7 pm, $5. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

Michaelangelo Signorile, controversial former *Outweek* scribe and author of *Queer in America* discusses the work that went into his book on contemporary queer life. 7:30 pm at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0892.

Gay Spirituality Discussion Group meets 7:30-9:30 pm at The Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Topic: Coming Out & Going Within. GSDG holds monthly meetings focused on sharing men's personal experiences from all spiritual/religious traditions. Info: 552-2909.

At A Different Light Bookstore: Controversial queer journalist Michelangelo Signorile reads from his new book, *Queer in America: Sex, the Media & the Closets of Power*. 7:30 pm. 489 Castro St, SF. Info: 431-0891.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mark Davis. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring gay & lesbian comics sign up by phone. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

$1.98 Beauty Pageant: Part of the Russian River Gay Pride Week festivities. Rules: You must have an absolutely stunning outfit that doesn't cost more than $1.98 (receipt required). You must decide whether you are a King or Queen. You must indulge in slanderous accusations toward all the ugly contestants. You must campaign the entire week with dignity becoming a $1.98 contestant. You must not forget to solicit the judges. You must cry & behave poorly when you lose, and demand a recount. You must be at the introduction of candidate's at Molly Brown's Saloon today at 8 pm, and at the crowning of the winner at Pridefest '93 on 6/13 at 4 pm. You must be aware that all rules are subject to change (if the price is right). Spons by the Campers of the Russian River.

eXchange Staged Reading series at Studio 2505: "Square Blues" by Shay Youngblood. The Blues family's projects are causing big trouble. The arm of the law is reaching closer. 8 pm, donation at door. Studio 2505, 2505 Mariposa, SF.

JUN 8 / TUE

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Bookparty to celebrate the release of Madeline Moore's *As You Desire*, the winner of Spinsters Ink 1993 Lesbian Fiction Contest. Book tells a story of personal healing, set in Paris during the student revolutions of the late '60s. Reading followed by discussion. Refreshments served. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee, no one turned away for lack of funds. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

Hoffman-Larouche is the target of an ACT UP/Eastbay picket line at noon today. ACT UP is demanding compassionate use and parallel track studies for two promising AIDS treatments. TAT and protease inhibitors, speeding up the clinical trials & immediate release of all trial findings. This local demo is held in conjuction with actions against Roche at the Berlin conference. 5855 Christie, Emeryville (Powell St exit off I-80). Rides provided from MacArthur BART at 11:45. Info: (510) 836-4401.

At Alexander Book Co: Russ Rymer reads from *Genie*, a harrowing & disturbing true story that investigates the life of a young girl who spent her entire childhood strapped to a chair in the back bedroom of a quiet suburban house. 5:30-7 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

"Who Am I & Why Am I Here?" a talk by Rev Edmond Boles, co-founder of the Church of Amron. 7 pm, free. Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 775-0227.

ACT UP/Golden Gate meets 7 pm at 592 Castro & 19th Sts, SF. Info: 252-9200.

Lesbian Uprising Discussion: Further discussion on issues of class, class consciousness, classism, etc. Join us! Info/location: Lisa 661-3886.

Auditions for "Bob & Jerry Get Married" held 7 pm at 4035 18th St (bwn Noe & Castro), SF. Parts for young men, older men, leathermen, transvestites, young women and elderly women. Parts available for all shapes, sizes & colors. Info: Flashpoint Productions (510) 235-1974, 10 am-7 pm.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Thomas Trebitsch Parker reads from his new novel, *Anna, Ann, Annie*, the haunting story of a woman who reinvents herself again and again as she finds her way from war-time Vienna to London. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Sumi Hoshiko reads from her new book, *Our Choices*, an oral history of women's choices over abortion. Drawing on over 130 interviews, Hoshiko has selected 16 stories that document the diversity of women's experiences with abortion. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Winds of Freedom Community Concert at Bethany United Methodist Church, 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. *Winds of Freedom* is the seated version of the *SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Band*. 8:15 pm, free! Info: 554-0402.

Turnabout Night: Annual crossdressing event held at the Mother Lode, 1002 Post St at Larkin, SF. In keeping with tradition, staff from the Mother Lode & Peter Pan will perform in drag from 10 pm-midnight. Everyone is welcome to participate by crossdressing. Event proceeds will benefit Asian AIDS Project and the Tenderloin Resource Center. No cover charge, money raised solely thru tips from the audience for each performance.

JUN 9 / WED

At Red Vic Movie House: See *The Speed Racer Show*, film created by Tatsuo Yoshida (Japan, 1967). The film offers an affectionate look at the original TV series. Screening dates: 6/9-15 at Red Vic, 6/11-14 at UC Theatre in Berkeley. Call 668-8999 for info.

Project Share Monthly Informational Gathering: For Oakland & Berkeley residents interested in finding shared housing or sharing their home. 2:30 pm at 3102 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-9030.

At Alexander Book Co: Brian Bouldrey celebrates the publication of *The Genius of Desire*, his book about growing up gay in a Catholic family. 5:30-7 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women—see 6/7.

Queer Deadhead Organization meets to prepare for the Freedom Day Parade. Call 751-7157 for location and other info.

Flash Fiction: Reading & discussion with *Furious Fiction* magazine writers Kelly Simon, Barbara Selfridge, Joe Lerner and Ron Nyren. Open mike at 6:30 pm, readings begin at 7:30. Dinner and open mike sign up available at 6 pm. Tea Spot Cafe, 2072 San Pablo Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 848-7376.

"Basic Tax & Recordkeeping Information for Self-Employed People," a two-evening seminar taught by tax practitioner Jan Zobel, EA. 6:30-9:30 pm tonight & tmw, $60. Renaissance Entrepreneurial Center, 404 Bryant St, SF. Info: 863-5337.

NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force) meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

Bookparty at Mama Bears: Mystery author Mary Wings reads from her new book, *Divine Victim* and discusses the research that went into it. Event also includes book blessing by Sister Vicious and Sister Barely Cerebral (aka Teresa Chandler & Annie Larson of "Over Our Heads"). 7 pm, free. Women only. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info/res: (510) 428-9684.

Bi Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. New location. Call Valerie 641-1308 for info.

BACW Marin Course in Miracles Group. Ongoing study group promotes personal & spiritual growth. Meets Wed, 7-9 pm, today and 6/16, 23 & 30. Info/location: Sharon 453-9317.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Allen Ellenzweig presents a talk & slideshow of images ranging from the 1850s to contemporary work, taken from his book, *The Homoerotic Photograph*. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

Holly Hughes in "Clit Notes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/4.

At Faster Pussycat! Benefit for Frameline, featuring *Torch Ginger* plus dyke karaoake! At 8 pm. 3160 16th St, SF. Info: Pussycat Hotline 561-9771.

"Cancerbodies: Women Speaking the Unspeakable," a benefit for the Women's Cancer Resource Center. Play based on the book *Cancer in Two Voices*, by Sandy Butler and Barbara Rosenblum. 8 pm, at Live Oak Theatre, 1301 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-9272.

JUN 10 / THU

At Alexander Book Co: Contributors from *Sisters, Sexperts & Queers: Beyond the Lesbian Nation* read from this eclectic, free-spirited anthology of today's lesbian culture and politics, edited by Arlene Stein. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

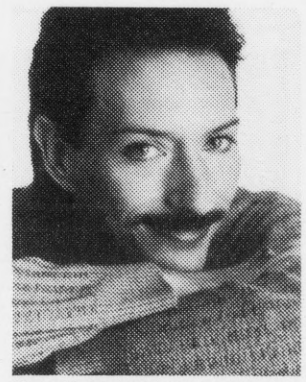
Men's Friendship Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 2:45 pm today & 6/24 at 711 Eddy St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

An eve with Johnny Moses master shaman & storyteller Moses, a well-respected shaman & storyteller from the Nootka/Spokane Indian tribe of the west coast of Vancouver Island, shares an evening of medicine teachings of the Earth. 6:30-10 pm. $15 suggested donation at door. Native Americans and children free. Spons by Immune Power Foundation. Info: Kristine Leroy (510) 528-5246. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF.

An Eve with Lyon & Martin: Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF/Women's Programming presents an evening with longtime activists Phyllis Lyon and Del Martin, who discuss their decades of experience at the forefront of the struggle for lesbian and gay rights. 7 pm, free. Everyone welcome! Event takes place at the new Metropolitan Community Church Community Center, 4035 18th St at Hartford, SF. Info: 863-4434.

"Mommy & Daddy Scenes," with Carol Queen; "Battle of the Bottoms," with Emerson Briney; classes spons by QSM as part of their ongoing educational/artistic series for the s/m community. Carol discusses & demos what it is like for an adult to play "daddy" or become "mommy's bad little boy". Emerson shows how to bottoms can "play against" or "compete" with one another. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. $20-10 SL fee. Info/res: 550-7776.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Psychiatrist Terry Kupers discusses his book, *Revisioning Men's Lives: Gender, Intimacy & Power*. Kupers' book blends dramatic personal and clinical experience to show the dilemmas facing men who want to transcend traditional gender roles. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.



Hypnotic Meditation Evenings: Van R Ault begins a summer series of weekly hypnotic meditations for stress reduction, personal growth and healing. 7:30 pm. $10-15 SL fee. Info: 386-5878.

ACT UP/SF meets 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-0291.

At Good Vibrations: Aarona Griffin, author of *Passage, a Lesbian S/M Romance, and Other Stories*, reads & signs copies of her work. 8 pm, free, everyone welcome—come & celebrate the passion! 1210 Valencia St at 23rd, SF. Info: 974-8980.

Erotica: Eve of erotic entertainment, a benefit for SF Sex Information Hotline. Performers include Fat Chance Belly Dance, Connie Champagne, Bana Witt, Carol Queen, Acid Houseife, "genitologists" Charon Dunn & Lola De Wolfe, Sam Ambler, SF Leather Fantasy, erotic dancers, videos & more. Co-hosts: Ms SF Leather 1993 Queen Cougar and Miss Leather 1992 Lupe Rosenbaum. Doors open at 8 pm, show at 9 pm. Tix $8. DNA Lounge, 375 11th St, SF. Info/res: 558-8112.

At Printers Ink Bookstore: Brian Bouldrey reads from *The Genius of Desire*, his first novel, a poignant & humorous story of growing up gay in an eccentric Catholic family. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Castro Theatre Goes Pink: The Castro brings together for the first time two "pink" gay classics—*Pink Narcissus* (1971) and *Pink Ulysses* (1990)—both are experimental & erotic queer works. *Narcissus* screens at 7 pm, *Ulysses* at 9 pm. Castro Theatre, SF.

Erotica Reading at Good Vibrations. Aarona Griffin reads from *Passage & Other Stories*, her collection of lesbian erotica, the centerpiece of which is "Passage," an s/m romance. 8 pm, free.

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Holly Hughes in "Clit Notes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/4.

Dance Connection: SF State's annual multicultural dance festival features ballet, modern, jazz and ethnic dance performance. Tonight thru 6/12, 8 pm, $12 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. Little Theatre, SF State University, 1600 Holloway Ave, SF. Info/res: 338-2467.

"Tattooed Ice Queens, Lemon Chicken & Other Songs of Disquieting Desire," a multimedia spoken word performance by Lisa Asagi & Justin Chin, two young "queer 'n' Asian" artists. Two performances: Tonight at 8:30 pm, 6/13 at 7 pm, at Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St at 25th, SF. Tonight's performance includes opening reception at 7:30 pm, with refreshments donated by Just Desserts, Tart to Tart and Rainbow Grocery. Tix $10 in adv, $15-25 SL day of performance. Tix available at A Different Light Bookstore in SF and Mama Bears in Oakl, or call 695-6970. Proceeds benefit Asian-Pacifica Sisters, an Asian/Pacifica lesbian & bisexual women's group.

JUN 11 / FRI

My New Gun, film written & directed by Stacy Cochran. Director Cochran's new work has been compared to that of David Lynch—darkly comic, archly dreamy & mysteriously oddball—but also wonderfully humane. Cochran takes Chekhov's dictum that a pistol revealed in the first act will be fired in the third and turns it on its head—the gun is fired early and often, by accident and in dreams—not as an agent of violence & tragedy but rather as a catalyst of positive change for its owner. New Jersey housewife Debbie Bender. Bender's yupster doctor husband Gerald is so impressed by a colleague's engagement gift of an engraved revolver to his teenage fiancee that he buys Debbie a gun. Obsessed by the unwanted gun and feeling alienated from Gerald, she wakes screaming from a nighmare and is comforted by her neighbor, Skippy. Then things get complicated. Film screens today thru 6/17 at the Castro Theatre, 429 Castro St, SF.

At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Francesca Lia Block, cult author of the Weetzie Bat trilogy, reads from her fantastic new book for adults, *Ectasia*. 6-8 pm. 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

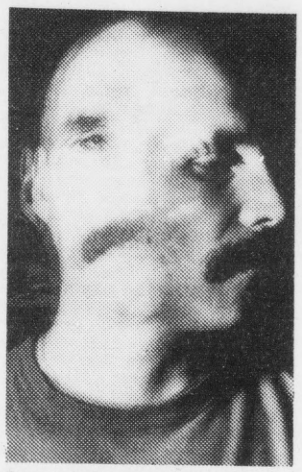
Novelist Katherine Forrest discusses "Lesbian Literature: Where we came from, Where we are going," at the Willows Resort, Guerneville. 7 pm. Part of the Russian River's annual Gay Pride Festival. Info: (707) 869-9031.

Women's Country Western Class & Dance: See 6/4 listing for details.

"Choice or Control: Defending Our Bodies, Our Clinics, Our Doctors, Our Lives," community gathering of powerful women kicks off the national tour of Choice or Control. Event features Dr Christina Cummings, a physician/midwife, who speaks about her experiences as a target of Operation Rescue, and her plans for a Mobile Health Team that would be able to provide health care choices throughout the country; Sedonia Cahill, whose mother died of an illegal abortion, shares her life's work helping women reclaim their personal power; singer Gwen Avery performs rhythm & blues, scat & a hint of gospel; Latin duo *De Colores* sing folk songs in Spanish & English, accompanied by guitar. 7-10 pm, $10-20 donation at door, no one turned away for lack of funds. Santa Rosa Veteran's Memorial Bldg, 1351 Maple Ave, Santa Rosa. Info: Laura at Women's Choice (707) 537-1171 or Kristi at Born of Woman (707) 876-3520.

15th Annual SF Ethnic Dance Festival: SF's premiere fest celebrating the cultural diversity of Bay Area dance runs Fridays & Saturdays thru 6/26. Each weekend offers a different program, all Saturday performances feature pre-performance talks for audiences to learn more about the dances that will be performed. Performances (6/11 & 12, 18 & 19, 25 & 26 at 8 pm; 6/13 family matinee at 2 pm) are held at the Palace of Fine Arts, Bay & Lyon Sts, SF. Pre-performance talks (6/11, 18 & 25 at 6:30 pm, free) are held at the McBean Theatre, The Exploratorium, SF. Spons by City Celebration. Tix $14, $17 & $26, family matinee tix $10 & $15. 6/11 & 12 schedule: Gamelan Sekar Jaya (Balinese), Llactanchis (Peruvian), Neva Russian Dance Ensemble, Tiare Otea (Tahitian), Folklorico Latino de Wood-

land (Mexican), Kariyushi Kai (Okinawan), Cornmashers (Appalachian), Vidhya Sridhar (South Indian), DeHcontee Liberian Dance Company (Liberian). Info: 474-3916.



Burns Like Fire: New Music performer Bob Ostertag performs his full-length work, "Burns Like Fire," at Josie's Cabaret. Piece begins with sounds recorded at the SF riot following Pete Wilson's veto of AB101, the state's gay rights bill. Using unique methods of sound manipulation, Ostertag turns the riot sounds into a musical tour de force. An eve of true political art. 10:30 pm, $10. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

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The Brick is Back! MT Productions hosts the re-opening of one of SF's most popular women's clubs, 1190 Folsom St (formerly The Baybrick). The extensively-upgraded & remodeled space still retains the old grace & beauty of brick walls and a cozy setting. Tonight's party features hot food & entertainment with two DJs—Downtown Donna spins old favories from the seventies & eighties in the front room, DJ Saul plays current hits in the back room. Go Go dancers also featured in the back. Doors open at 8 pm. See you there!

Hot Lips Fat Lip Readers Theatre present their sizzling, sensual & sexually explicit performance for women only—8 pm, $7-12 SL fee (no one turned away for lack of funds). ASL interpretation. WA. Reserve free childcare by 6/9 (334-3326). No scents or perfumes please. New College, 777 Valencia St, SF. Also see 6/12.

Holly Hughes in "Clit Notes" at Josie's Cabaret, see 6/4.

Gay & Lesbian Comedy Night at the Tea Spot Cafe with Karen Ripley, Maureen Brownsey and Scott Silverman. Emcee Lisa Geduldig. Doors open at 8:30 pm, show starts at 9. $7. Dinner served 6-9 pm. Info/res: (510) 848-7376. 2072 San Pablo Ave at University, Berkeley.

Packin' 'Em In at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe: Come watch Bad Girlz kick butt—Kyos Featherdancing, Judith, Miriam Kronberg, Jacqueline Letalien and Carmen White—plus steamy tidbits from *Desert Hearts* and *The Hunger* (an attempt to fathom the attraction of skinny white girls). 8:30 pm, $5-7. 485 14th St at Guerrero, SF. Info: 626-2805.

Dance at Invision: Marin's new dance event features multimedia lounge, DJ Steve Masters from "Live 105". No smoking or alcohol. 4020 Civic Center Drive (the old Velvet Turtle). Info/directions: 257-3882. $10 at 9 pm.

Bi Women's Night Out Dancing at Rubyfruit: Join women from the SF Bi Women's Network and Bi-Friendly for a night of dancing. Women only. TS/TG welcome. Info: Ingrid 775-2620.

parents & kids box

Bring yourself and the kids to see Mel Sharpe's Big Money in Dixieland band at the Union Street fair on June 5. Cal has info.

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Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services Parenting Program sponsors **Choosing Children Seminar:** 6/15—7/27, 7-9 pm, $10 per evening. Series of panel discussions on becoming a parent and the variety of choices possible in creating alternative families. Topics include considering parenthood, legal issues, getting pregnant, lesbians & gay men parenting together, adoption, choices in pregnancy & birth. All events are held at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St, Ste 201, SF. For pre-reg or more info call 565-7674.

Sleeping Birdie: Sesame Street Live presents a play which asks the question, "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who's the yellowest of them all?" Play features the popular furry & feathered Jim Henson Sesame Street Muppets, the delightful Tee Hee from planet Crayon and the Yellow Queen. 6/9-10 at 7 pm, 6/11 at 10:30 am and 7 pm, 6/12 at 10:30 am, 2 pm & 5:30 pm; 6/13 at 1 & 4:30 pm. Oakland Coliseum, Coliseum Way at Hegenberger Rd, Oakl. Tix $10 & $8. Limited premium seating $15. Info/res: (510) 332-2447.

Children's Programs at La Pena: All events begin at 10:30 am; kids $2, adults $3. 6/5: Stories & songs for the young at heart with storyteller/African thumb piano player Diane Ferlatte. This is the last children's program at La Pena until the fall, don't miss! 3105 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 849-2568.

Storytime at Cody's Held every Sat afternoon at Cody's Bookstore at 3 pm, unless another children's event is scheduled for that day. For info/schedule call (510) 845-7852. 2454 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.

Randall Museum Programs: Workshops & classes for all ages, kids under 8 must be accompanied by an adult. Plenty of free parking available. Sat workshops begin at 1 pm, and last 1-2 hrs, call 554-9600 for program info. 199 Museum Way, SF. Spons by the SF Recreation & Parks Dept.

Eastbay Lesbian Moms interest group: Come meet other moms with children of all ages for friendship, networking, childcare exchange, potlucks, outings, fun! Info: (510) 836-2165.

Marin Lesbian/Gay Parents Group marches in their traditional "Hay Ride" truck in the Marin Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade, 6/12. Join in! Call 457-1115 for info.

Major Study on Co-Mothering: Lesbian mothers are asked to complete an anonymous survey developed to study attitudes & issues faced by lesbian mothers. See "Parenting" classifieds section for details.

Kids Summer Cultural Camp spons by Spirit Theatre Dance Studio for ages 5-12. African dance, drama, mask-making, self-defense, percussion, storytelling. Program designed to introduce children of all ethnic & cultural backgrounds to the joy of dance, music, movement, art & creativity. All sessions taught by professional performers with experience teaching kids. Schedule: Session A: 6/21-25; Session B: 6/28-7/2; Session C: 7/5-9; Session D: 7/12-16; Session E: 7/18-23; Session F: 7/26-30. Each session costs $90. Info/res: (510) 849-3232.

PLEASE NOTE: *Don't forget to check the Parenting sections of the Open Exchange Classifieds and the Resource Guide for more parenting resources.*

JUN 12 / SAT

The Community Thrift Store helps support over 150 nonprofits, most of them gay-oriented. They need a few good volunteers to work in the store, which features clothing, books, records, bric a brac, small appliances and linen. Interested? Call Tim Malone, Greg or Claire at 861-4910. It's a fun place to work (and there's lots to do), join us!

Lafayette-Moraga Trail Run (Walnut Creek) with Eastbay Frontrunners. Take Route 24 to Pleasant Hill Road exit. Go SOUTH on Pleasant Hill Rd to Olympic Blvd; turn right on Olympic. Meet 9 am in the first parking lot on the right. Info: Greg (510) 482-4391 or Roz (510) 939-3579.

Tomales Pt/Pt Reyes Hike with SF Hiking Club: Meet 9 am under the big Safeway sign at Market & Church Sts, SF. Moderately strenuous, 9.5 mile hike, 1000 ft elevation gain, from end of Pierce Point Road to Tomales Bluff and back. Driving distance 100 mi RT. Cost $13, to be shared among passengers. Bring water, lunch & sunscreen, dress in layers. Info: Jim 285-3760 eves.

Health & Harmony Festival in Sonoma: Today & tmw, 10 am-7 pm. Arts & crafts, art shows, entertainment, health exposition, kids activities, community resources, and more. $6 gen'l, $4 srs, $3 kids 6-12, free for kids under 6. Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-9355.

Seven Steps to Healing Wkshop: For adult survivors of childhood abuse. 10 am-5 pm, $60. Info/res: Rachel Bat-Or, MFCC (510) 547-4419.

LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects) works on an installation concerning Sappho: Join other lesbian artists & musicians, all media welcome. Led by Pamela, a qualified, practicing artist. Includes lunchtime potluck, exchange of ideas. 11 am. Bring food/drink to share. For location, directions and other info call (510) 222-7989.

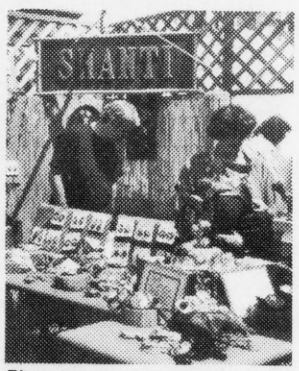
Topfree & Bottomfree Picnic: Playground for adults to frolic in abandon and physical merriment; where kid's games release us to run wild and nudity invites a warm playfulness. Bring drums & guitars to sing "Naked & Free in Berkeley" and the "Breast Freedom Song" with the X-Plicit Players. Noon-4 pm at Martin Luther King Park, on MLK Jr Way at Center St, near downtown Berkeley BART. Info: (510) 540-0907.

Marin Lesbian/Gay/Bisexual Freedom Parade & Dance: Join your brothers & sisters in an "out on the street where we live" parade down 4th Street to Albert Park on B Street, followed by a leisurely afternoon on the green. BACW (Bay Area Career Women) Marin sponsors a dance from 7:30 pm-midnight at the Community Center next door. $5 admission, for tix & other info call Sharon 453-9317. See you at the parade!

Marin Gay Pride Parade: Starts 12:30 pm on Tamalpais Street between 4th & Mission. Drop by the Marin Hike & Bike booth at Albert Park & say hi! Info: Tim 927-3827.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Float/March Contingent and Safety Monitor Training: 1 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (415) 864-FREE.

Russian River Gay & Lesbian Pride Festival continues with River National Bodybuilding Competition, 5-9 pm at the Ziggurat, River Road at Armstrong Woods Resort, Guerneville. Natural bodybuilders, male & female, are welcome. Proceeds benefit FACE to Face, Scan, Food for Thought and the Russian River Senior Center. Info: (707) 869-9000.



Blues & Art on Polk Street: Two-day festival, 10 am-6 pm on Polk & California Streets and Polk and Jackson Streets. Lots of fine jazz & blues, arts & crafts, food & drink and fun!

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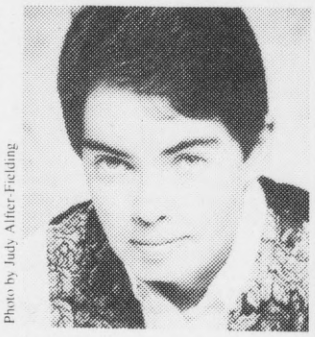
At Dark Carnival Bookstore: Chelsea Quinn Yarbro discusses & autographs the latest in her popular historical "St Germain" vampire series, *Darker Jewels*. 6-8 pm, 2978 Adeline St, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-7757.

"A New Vision for a Troubled Planet," an evening of spontaneous discussion with Dr Theodore Roszak, Dr James Hilman and Noel Brown, on the spiritual crisis underlying our modern society. Grace Cathedral, 1051 Taylor St, SF. Spons by Quest, Grace Cathedral Center for Spiritual Wholeness. Reception at 6:30 pm in Gresham Hall, followed by program at 7 pm. Donation $20. Info: 776-6611.



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Lesbian Mystery writers Lauren Wright Douglas and Katherine Forrest sign copies of their work in the garden of R&F's Antiques & Eccentricities in Guerneville. Event is part of the Russian River Annual Gay Pride Festival. Info: (707) 869-9031.

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Catwork Productions present a benefit for the movie *Watermelon Seeds*, about lesbians having babies. 7 pm-midnight in the SF Women's Bldg Auditorium, 3543 18th St, btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: 431-1180.

Gayle Marie in Concert at Mama Bears. 8 pm, $8-10. Women only. Info/res: (510) 428-9684. 6536 Telegraph Ave, Oakl.

Annual Topfree & Bottomfree Picnic in Berkeley: Roll naked in the soft grasses, enjoy the simple pleasures of childhood games & innocent eroticism. Noon-5 pm at Martin Luther King Jr Park, MLK Way & Center St, near downtown Berkeley BART Station. Call X-Plicit Players for info: (510) 540-0907.

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15th Annual SF Ethnic Dance Festival: See 6/11 listing for details.

Mr & Mrs Deaf Leather Contest at the SF Eagle, 398 12th St, SF. 8-11 pm.

Judith Kate Friedman & Friends celebrate the release of her new CD, "Count Me In." 8:30 pm at Freight & Salvage. Tix $8.50 adv, $9.50 at door. 1111 Addison St nr San Pablo, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info/res: (510) 548-1761.

Alternative Music Night at El Rio with *Malibu Barbi*, *Mudwimmin* and *Random Violet*. 10 pm-2 am, $5. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

JUN 13 / SUN

Classism Discussion Group for middle and upper class lesbians now forming. Meetings in the Eastbay. For time, location & other info call Elizabeth (510) 652-7729.

Health & Harmony Music & Arts Festival '93 in Sonoma County. See 6/12.

Blues & Art on Polk Street—last day of the festival! See 6/12.

2nd Annual Garden Tour to benefit The Center for AIDS Services. Self-guided tour of five beautiful Oakland gardens (most in the hills near Knowland Park). Proceeds benefit the installation of a garden at the Center. This year's gardens include a prize-winning garden published in national magazines, a garden with an enclosed tropical pool, a garden with whimsical sculpture, one with a flair for plants, and one whose Koi pool attracts herons. Tix $20, call (510) 655-3435 for info/res or visit the Center at 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl. Detailed maps & garden descriptions available upon tix purchase.

Potluck Brunch for Men spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach for Elders) meets noon-3 pm at Francis of Assisi, 145 Guerrero St, SF. Bring a dish to share. Info: 626-7000.

To Support & Defend: *The Role of Homosexuals in the Military*: Film video, 28 minutes in length, featuring over 20 interviews with people from all branches of the military, including Bay Area ser-

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vicepeople (Zoe Dunning & Keith Meinhold). This video was banned by the Pentagon, which threw three people (including a Bay Area Air Force captain) out for trying to distribute it. Noon, $6. Roxie Cinema, 3117 16th St nr Valencia, SF. Spons by GLAAD/SFBA (Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/SF Bay Area). Info: 861-4588.

How to Pick Up Girls: A workshop for bi women on the differences in initiating relationships/flings/affairs with women and men. Share flirting techniques, talk about fear of rejection, share success stories. 1:30-3:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 18th St btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. SL fee up to $5 to help pay for the room. Info: Valerie or Robin 641-1308.

15th Annual SF Ethnic Dance Festival Family Matinee: 2 pm. Program schedule: Kennelly Irish Dancers, Filipiniana Dance Troupe (Filipino), Sonali Vepa (South Indian), Dimensions Dance Theater (Liberian), Folklorico Latino de Woodland (Mexican), Vladimir Riazantsev (Russian comedic), Halau Hula Kaiwi O Ku'uipo Ohana (Hawaiian) and Cornmashers (Appalachian). See 6/11 listing for full info.

"Father's Day: As it Applies to Us," Dr Robert Christiansen, a gay man, and his straight son Mark discuss their relationship & experiences at today's P-FLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays)-SF meeting. 2-4 pm at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF. Info: 921-8850.

Mr Deaf Leather Beer Bust at the SF Eagle, 398 12th St, SF. 3-6 pm.

Salsa Garden Party at El Rio with *Orequesta Azuca y Crema*. 4-8 pm, $7. 3158 Mission St, SF. Info: 282-3325.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Women Mystery Writers Night! Novelists Janet Dawson and Jaqueline Girdner read their latest work. 5 pm, free. Don't miss! 519 Mendocino, #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Popular lesbian mystery writer Mary Wings (*She Came Too Late, She Came in a Flash*) reads from her new mesmerizing tale of psychological suspense, *Divine Victim*. 7 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

"Tatooed Ice Queens," Lemon Chicken & Other Songs of Disquieting Desire," Lisa Asagi & Justin Chin present a multimedia, spoken word performance benefiting Asian Pacifica Sisters, a Bay Area Asian/Pacifica lesbian & bisexual women's group. Tix $10 adv, $15-25 SL donation at door. Mission Cultural Center, 2868 Mission St at 25th, SF. Info: 695-6970.

Race Unity Wkshop spons by Racism X-Posed, a new group combatting racism. 7-9 pm at the Luggage Store Gallery/509 Cultural Center Annex, 1007 Market St, SF. A "spiritual symposium" led by founder/facilitator JB Saunders as "a workshop for community-oriented people who want to take action & make a personal transformation towards stopping racial violence & discrimination." $5 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 255-5971.

Holly Hughes in "Clit Notes" at Josie's Cabaret. Final performance! See 6/4 listing for details.

Shellhead Mutants at the Chameleon, with *Pen Pal Letter Bomb*. 9:30 pm. 853 Valencia St, SF.

Temple of the New Edge: Grand opening of a new all-night dance club with an interactive, psychedelic playground to stimulate all your senses. 10 pm, $5. 1015 Folsom St, SF.

JUN 14 / MON

Homes Not Jails March & Housing Takeover: Homes Not Jails leads campaign to utilize vacant housing for homeless people. Come participate in non-violent civil disobedience or support the vigil outside. Meet 6 pm at Civic Center Plaza, SF City Hall. Info: Homes Not Jails 330-5030.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women, see 6/7.

Reading & Talking Women Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets 6:30-8:30 pm at 77 Waller, SF, for potluck supper/dicussion. Info: 626-7000.

Head Harnesses Class with Lou. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Why do bondage on someone's head? Lou's bottoms frequently say this trances them out very quickly, that they feel safe & removed from everyday life. Hal uses ropes, leather thongs, rings & weights to create a great variety of sensations on this vulnerable part of the male anatomy. $20-10 SL fee. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 pm in a private SF space. Info/reg: 550-7776.

Simon Says "Art is Life," art show & sale to benefit Meitri Hospice and Coming Home Hospice. 7:30-11:30 pm at Opts Art Gallery, 250 4th St, SF. Includes work by Simon C Smith, and many other Bay Area artists. Cocktail buffet with donated food, no-host bar, DJ, live performances by William Kirkpatrick, Mary Schmary, Stephen Kent and Don Jeron and *The Boogiemon*. Tix $5-15 donation at door.

Gay Comedy Open Mike at Josie's Cabaret with emcee Mark Davis. 8 pm, $5. Aspiring lesbian & gay comics sign up by phone. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

KQED Lesbian & Gay Pride Month Programming: KQED's "Viewpoints" documentary series features *Lifetime Commitment, A Portrait of Karen Thompson*. Video chronicles landmark case for persons with disabilities & non-traditional families, looking at Thompson's eight-year battle to win guardianship of her disabled lover, Sharon Kowalski, after Sharon was hit by a drunk driver. 10 pm, KQED Channel 9.

JUN 15 / TUE

Community Thrift Store needs volunteers, see 6/12.

Hospice Volunteer Training: Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF seeks volunteers to join with nurses, social workers, attendants, chaplains & bereavement counselors in providing care and support to people with AIDS, cancer & other illnesses which limit life expectancy. Volunteer opportunities include patient companionship & support, errands & transportation, massage and bereavement support. Volunteer training begins today. For info call 861-6959 ext 528.

Sexual Harassment—A Personal Perspective: Lecture by Louette Colombano. In 1984, Colombano blew the whistle on the infamous Rathskeller incident, which involved forced sex between a rookie and a prostitute at a party for police trainees; after which she endured sexual harassment for 9 years. Now an ex-SFPD officer, she discusses both the positive and negative experiences she had as one of the first female SF police officers. Noon-1 pm, free. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Cetner. Info: 476-5222.

At Alexander Book Co: Paul Redinger reads from his new novel, *Good Boys, Good Boys*, about ten years in the lives of Michael, Chris & Drew, college pals whose paths cross and recross as they approach thirtysomething. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

HIV Benefits: an HIV Public Education Forum with Mark E Stanger, Senior HIV Benefits Counselor at Kaiser-SF. Find out what money is available for people with HIV and how to get it. Discuss disability and social security benefits, and other programs providing financial assistance to people living with HIV or AIDS. 6:30-8 pm. Meeting is free, no registration is required and it does not count as a medical office visit. Room 1200C, 12th floor, Hospital Tower, Kaiser Permanente Med Center, 280 West MacArthur Blvd, Oakl. Info: (510) 596-6848.

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"Natural Vision Improvement: Understand & Heal Your Vision," a presentation by Cheryl Skinner at Amron Metaphysical Center, 2254 Van Ness Ave, SF. 7 pm, free. Info: 775 0227.

ACT UP/Golden Gate meets 7 pm at 592 Castro St, SF. Info: 252-9200.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Float/March Contingent & Safety Monitor Training: 7 pm at CUAV, 973 Market St, SF. Info: 864-FREE.

Shape Up Your Job Search: "The Self-Assessment Process," workshop with Janet Warren, MA, of Jewish Vocational Services. Learn how to determine your strengths, weaknesses and personality traits to help secure the right job. Also learn why certain jobs are better than others. 7-9 pm, $6. SF Jewish Community Center, 3200 California St, SF. Info: 346-6040.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Ronnie Gilbert reads from/performs work from her new book, *Ronnie Gilbert on Mother Jones: Face to Face with the Most Dangerous Woman in America*. Gilbert puts her own political viewpoints & personal experiences alongside the play's script to take a critical look at Mother Jones' life in the light of ongoing feminist, labor & class struggles. 7:30 pm at Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Salute to America spons by the Campaign for Military Service at the Herbst Theatre, War Memorial Performing Arts Complex, SF. 7:30 pm, free.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Program Mtg: 7:30 pm at Sierra Club Headquarters, 730 Polk St, SF, 4th floor. Info: 281-5666.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Program Mtg: 7:30 pm at Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF, 4th floor. Topic: Yosemite and its future. A member of Sierra Club's task force speaks on current threats to the park. Info: 281-5666 (voicemail).

At Printers Ink Bookstore: Author Phyllis Burke reads from *Family Values*, her book about her personal experiences as a political activist and lesbian mother. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

Shellhead Mutants at Berkeley Square, with *Tribal Disco Noise* and *Bump*. 1333 University Avenue, Berkeley. 9:30 pm.

KQED Lesbian & Gay Pride Month Programming: KQED's "POV" series features *Silverlake Life: The View From Here*. A candid & wrenching documentary on love, commitment & mortality in the age of the epidemic. 10 pm, KQED Channel 9.

JUN 16 / WED

Community Thrift Store needs volunteers! See 6/12.

Assertiveness Training for Women: Wkshop led by Joanne Martin Braun, PhD. Do you hesitate to ask for what you want? Sometimes blow up at people or feel frustrated trying to communicate? This wkshop teaches skills that help you communicate with power, not aggression, gain self confidence and improve relationships. Noon-1 pm Wednesdays, today thru 7/7. $50. No one turned away for lack of funds. Spons by UCSF Women's Resource Center. Pre-reg required, call 731-6190.

At Alexander Book Co: Jon Carroll reads from *Near Life Experiences*, his latest collection of 100 of his most captivating columns. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

Queer Deadhead Organization meets to prepare for the SF Freedom Day Parade. Call 751-7157 for location and other info.

Men's Disovery Group spons by Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) meets today. Discussion topic: Homophobia Among Ourselves. Group led by George Birimisa. Call 626-7000 for time, location & other info.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women—see 6/7.

Bi Women's Support Group meets 7-9 pm. Come meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. New location. Info: Valerie 641-1308.

Marin BACW Course in Miracles Group: See 6/9.

At ClaireLight Women's Books: Phyllis Burke, author of *Family Values*, discusses her book on lesbian liberation & parenting. 7 pm, free. 519 Mendocino #101, Santa Rosa. Info: (707) 575-8879.

Queerworks, a reading series presented by the Women's Art Project. 7:30-9:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room, SF Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, btwn Valencia & Guerrero, SF. Info: 431-1180.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: SF cartoonist/author Larry Gonick (*The Cartoon History of the Universe*) presents a slideshow/discussion of his latest book, *The Cartoon Guide to (Non) Communication*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

At Printers Inc Bookstore: Acclaimed author Isabel Allende (*The House of the Spirits, The Stories of Eva Luna*) reads from her first novel to be set in the United States, *The Infinite Plan*. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret. Humorous & campy, Kelly presents a performance artist's unauthorized interpretation of the words, music, myth & persona of a great contemporary artist & cultural icon. Show runs Wed-Sun 6/16-7/4 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 6/18, 25 & 7/2, and special added show on 6/26, Gay Pride Eve. Tix $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info/res: 861-7933.

KQED Lesbian & Gay Pride Month Programming: See *Voices from the Front*, a 1991 feature-length documentary, a comprehensive look at the AIDS activist movement in America, using the voices of those directly engaged in it. 9 pm, KQED Channel 9.

KQED Lesbian & Gay Pride Month Programming: See *Larry Kramer*, a profile, thru interviews & readings, of the novelist, essayist, dramatist & AIDS activist. 10:30 pm, KQED Channel 9.

KQED Lesbian & Gay Pride Month Programming: *Life & Times: Straight Hate*, a documentary examining gay bashing and the hatred behind it. 11:30 pm tonight & 6/20, KQED Channel 9.

JUN 17 / THU

At Alexander Book Co: Phyllis Burke reads from her new book about political struggle & lesbian parenting, *Family Values*. 12:30-1:30 pm. 50 2nd St, SF. Info: 495-2992.

SF Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade Float/March Contingent & Safety Monitor Training: 7 pm at Golden Gate Lutheran Church, 601 Dolores St, SF. Info: 864-FREE.

Full Power Bottoming Class with Scarlet. Spons by QSM as part of their ongoing series of educational & artistic classes for the s/m community. Ever been accused of topping from the bottom when you were just trying to be direct? Is there a positive way to be an aggressive bottom? The first half of this class explores these issues, while the second half features a scene where the bottom is deliberately a smart-ass or a brat. Doors open at 7 pm, class 7:30-10 in a private SF space. $20-10 SL fee. Info/reg: 550-7776.

At Modern Times Bookstore: Anthropologist Ellen Lewin discusses her new book, *Lesbian Mothers: Accounts of Gender in American Culture*. Based on interviews conducted with lesbian & heterosexual mothers in the Bay Area, Lewin's book looks at the cultural foundations of the lesbian baby boom. 7:30 pm, free. 888 Valencia St, SF. Info: 282-9246.

At A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books: Author Marcia Muller reads from her 14th Sharon McCone mystery, *Wolf in the Shadows*. 7:30 pm. Opera Plaza, 601 Van Ness Ave, SF. Info: 441-6670.

Women on Women 2: Contributors to this collection of lesbian fiction read from their work at A Different Light Bookstore, 489 Castro St, SF. Date is tentative, call 431-0892 to confirm.

ACT UP/SF meets 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: 621-0291.

NY's John Kelly is Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise" at Josie's Cabaret. Performance artist Kelly presents a humorous and campy, unauthorized version of the words, music, myth and persona of a great contemporary artist & cultural icon. Show runs Wed-Sun thru 7/4 at 8 pm, with added 10 pm shows on 6/18 & 25 and 7/2. Special added show on Gay Pride Eve, 6/26, $10 Wed, Thurs & Sun, $12 Fri & Sat. Info/res: 861-7933. 3583 16th St at Market, SF.

At Printers Ink Bookstore: *Things That Make Us Smart* author Donald Norman discusses how to wrestle control of our lives back from our TVs, e-mail and fancy interactive computer systems, and find ways to use our technology while still using our minds. 8 pm. 310 California Ave, Palo Alto. Info: 327-6500.

At Old Wives' Tales Bookstore: Kate Brandt discusses her book, *Happy Endings: Lesbian Writers Talk About Their Lives & Work*, joined by contributors Katherine Forrest, Willyce Kim, Carol Seajay, S Diane Bogus and Lisbet Tellefsen. 8 pm, $3-10 SL fee. 1009 Valencia St, SF. Info: 821-4676.

galleries

On Exhibit at the de Young: "Viewpoints XX: Louis Comfort Tiffany & Art Glass," exhibit of art glass by Tiffany and his American & European contemporaries, plus examples of the ancient iridescent glass that inspired his works, thru 8/22. "Viewpoints XXI: Politics & Populism: 20th Century Mexican Prints & Drawings from the Achenbach Foundation for the Graphic Arts," on exhibit thru 9/12. "Xochitl in Cuicat/Flower Song: Ten Nahuatl Poems from 16th Century Chronicles with Monoprints by Gustavo Ramos Rivera," exhibit on view thru 9/12. "Art Nouveau Dress," exhibit featuring a dozen costumes & fans reflecting the swirling curves & clear colors of Art Nouveau style; thru 9/12. Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun 10 am-5 pm. Fee: $8 gen'l, $4 kids age 12-17, $5 srs (65 & over), kids under 12 are free. Info: 750-3614.

SF Museum of Modern Art: "Clifford Still: The Buffalo & SF Collections," touring exhibit, thru 6/13. Exhibit of photos, early drawings & collages, recent silkscreen paintings & fiberglass sculpture by Richard Prince, thru 7/25. "Thresholds & Enclosures: TV as Sculpture," featuring the work of 6 American artists; thru 7/11. "General Idea's Fin de Siede," This exhibit by General Idea comprises work made since 1987 that takes the AIDS crisis as its central allegory; exhibit runs 7/22-9/5; 401 Van Ness Ave, SF. Hrs: 10 am-5 pm, Tues, Wed & Fri; 10 am-9 pm Thurs; 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun. Tix $4 gen'l, $2 srs & stdnts, kids under 13 are free. Info: 252-4000.

Judah L Magnes Museum: "Prophetic Quest: 75th Anniversary of Jacob Landau," exhibit honors the 75th birthday of this famed artist; 6/6-9/19, opening reception 6/6 at 2 pm. "Evolution of an Artist," photos & prints by EM Lilien; 6/6-9/19, opening reception 6/6 at 2 pm. "Designs in Wood" by Albert Rosenblatt; 6/6-29, opening reception 6/6 at 2 pm. Hrs: Sun-Thurs, 10 am-4 pm. Closed Jewish & federal holidays. Info: (510) 549-6950. 2911 Russell St, Berkeley.

The Mexican Museum: "Visiones del Pueblo: The Folk Art of Latin America," over 250 folk art objects from 17 Latin American countries, on exhibit thru 7/25. Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, Laguna & Marina Blvds, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, noon-5 pm. $3 gen'l, $2 stdnts & srs, kids under 10 are free, first Wed of each month admission is free, noon-8 pm. Info: 441-0404.

Ansel Adams Center: 250 Fourth St, SF. "CJ Laughlin: Visionary Photographer," thru 6/13. "Brancusi Photographs," thru 6/13. Ansel Adams Portfolio IV," thru 9/5. "Proof: Los Angeles Art & the Photograph, 1960-1980," 6/23-8/22. Hrs: Tues-Sun, 11 am-6 pm. $4 gen'l, $3 stdnts, $2 srs/youth 12-17, kids under 12 are free. Info: 495-7000.

Architrave Gallery: Group exhibit—sculpture by Todd Campbell, paintings by Victor Antonetti & Bob Bruman. Exhibit runs thru July. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-7 pm, Sun noon-5 pm. 541 Hayes St, SF. Info: 621-4923.

Architects & Heroes: Silkscreens by Mark Oberlin on exhibit 6/4-7/25. Opening reception 6/4, 7-9 pm 2239 Fillmore St, SF.

Asian Art Museum: "Earth Bones: Strange Rocks from the Collection of Ian & Susan Wilson," exhibit of *guaishi* ("strange rocks"), thru 9/12. Asian Art Museum, Golden Gate Park, SF. Hrs: Wed-Sun, 10 am-5 pm. Admission: $5 gen'l, $3 srs 65 & over, $2 youth ages 12-17, free for kids under 12. Exhibit Hotline: 668-7855. General museum info: 668-8921. TDD 752-2635.

Capp Street Project "Utopia in the Teen Age," an inter-media installation exploring the concept & experience of adolescence as a preparation in the cultural & political life of the United States. Exhibit runs thru 6/26. Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm, Tues-Sat. Info: 626-7747.

Circle Gallery of Animation & Cartoon Art: "Peanuts," an animation art trunk show, the most extensive collection of "Peanuts" production cels ever assembled under one roof. 6/9-30, opening reception 6/19, 2-5 pm. 465 Powell St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-6 pm Sun-Tues, 10 am-10 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 781-5464.

Eclectica Gallery of Contemporary Crafts: "Fimo: The New Clay," exhibit of the polymer clay jewelry of Sarah Nelson Shriver. Thru 6/11. 1795 Market St, across from Octavia, SF. Info: 626-6255.

E'Space Gallery: "What's Up on the Hill?" exhibit of painting, collage & driftwood sculpture by Bernard Resve. Exhibit runs thru 6/18. 520 Hayes St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 10 am-10 pm. Info: 861-4657.

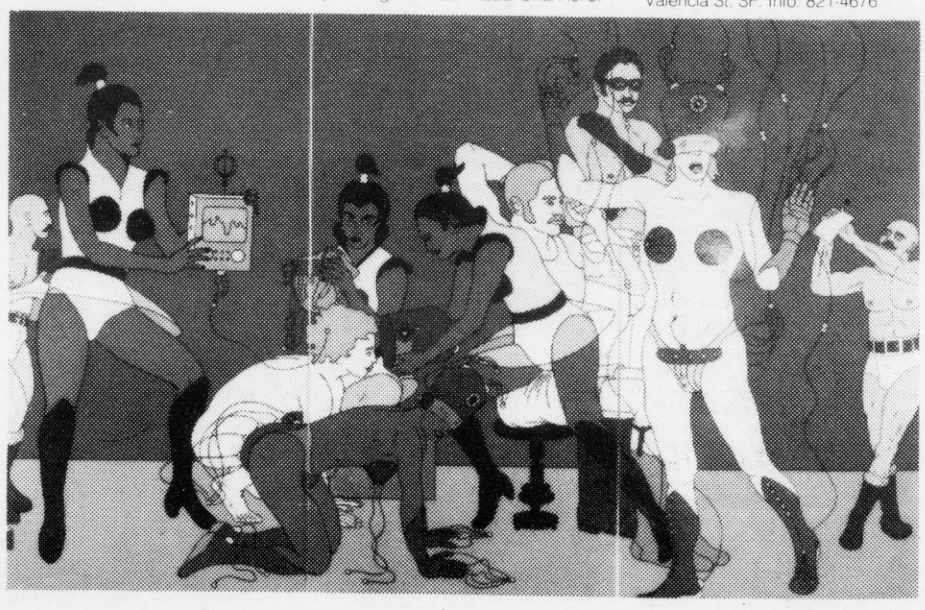
Gallery on the Rim: "Paintings by Dodson," on exhibit 6/15-7/12, opening reception 6/25, 5:30-8:30 pm. 333 Third St, Ste 200, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sun 11 am-7 pm. Info: 543-7007.

John Pence Gallery: Recent work by Hans Erni, on exhibit thru 6/26. 750 Post St, SF. Info: 441-1138.

The Lab Gallery: "Swarm," an installation by Elliot Linwood, on exhibit thru 6/26. 1807 Divisadero St, SF. Hrs: Noon-5 pm Wed-Sat. Info: 346-4063.

The Luggage Store Gallery: "Let's Find Out About Tools," a mixed media installation with film on gender bias, by Stephanie Cress, Josie Iselin & Kathryn Weinstein; on exhibit 6/3-7/3, opening reception 6/3, 5-8 pm. 1007 Market St, SF. Info: 255-5971.

Robert Koch Gallery: "Meiji Portraits: Japan, 1860s-1870s," and "Hiroh Kikai: Ecce Homo" on exhibit thru 7/3. "Introductions 1993," and "Lynne Cohen: Lost & Found," on exhibit 7/8-8/28. 49 Geary St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat 11 am-5:30 pm. Info: 421-0122.



"Queer Mysteries," work by David Cannon Dashiell, at SF Art Institute June 3-July 3. Galleries has info. Photo by John Wilson White

SF Arts Commision Gallery: "Mythologies," an exhibit of works by Brian Conery, Marc Henrich, Sarah Puckitt & Robynn Smith, visual artists exploring personal myths & icons. 155 Grove St, SF. Info: 554-9682.

SF Camerawork: "Hypothalamic In[Queer]ies, curated by Robert Kelley; "Tit for Twat: Madam & Eve in the Garden," by Kaucyila Brooke; on exhibit 6/17-7/17. Related Events: 6/19 at 1 pm at Eye Gallery, 1151 Misson St, SF, $10; Open Portfolio Review with Kaucyila Brooke, limited to 10 people, 6/26 at 1 pm, $5 & $7; Lesbian Photographers Panel with H Len Keller, Kaucyila Brooke, Cathy Opie & Kathleen Clark at SF Camerawork, July 9 at 8 pm, $5 & $7; Gay(la) Performance Event with Rodney O'Neal Austin, Arnold J Kemp & Philip Horvitz at SF Camerawork, 70 12th St, SF. Hrs: Tues-Sat, noon-5 pm. Info: 621-1001.

SF Craft & Folk Art Museum: "Art Deco in SF," exhibit features elegant, well designed utilitarian objects, both one-of-a-kind and machine made, from SF's art deco period; on exhibit thru 6/27. "Face to Face: Clayton Bailey & Traditional Southern Face Vessels," on exhibit thru 6/27. "Gertrude Parker: A Lightness in Being," exhibit of sculpture made out of gut (hog or beef intestines) with wire; 7/3-8/29, opening reception 7/6, 5-7 pm. "From the Heart of Ogun: Steel Drum Sculptures of Haiti," exhibit of metal sculpture made by Haitian artists using recycled steel drums; 7/3-8/29, opening reception 7/6, 5-7 pm. Hrs: 11 am-5 pm, Tues-Sun; 10 am-5 pm, Sat. Ft Mason Ctr Bldg A, SF. Info: 775-0990.

SF Art Institute: "Queer Mysteries," work by David Cannon Dashiell, 1993 Adaline Kent Award-winner, on exhibit 6/3-7/3. "Sue Williams: Recent Work," paintings dealing with domestic dysfunction, eating disorders, obsessive behavior & the violent psychological & sexual abuse of women, on exhibit 7/15-8/14; reception 7/14, 5:30-7:30 pm; artist's talk 7/14 at noon. Hrs: Tues-Sat, 10 am-5 pm; Thurs till 8 pm. 800 Chestnut St, SF. Info: 771-7020.

SF Public Library: "Prejudice & Pride: Selections from the Gay & Lesbian Center," exhibit from the special collections of the new Main Library. SF Public Library is the first public library in the world to create a permanent research center devoted to the documentation of gay & lesbian culture. This exhibit highlights some of the materials which will be housed there when the library opens in early 1996; and features continuous screening of various lesbian & gay filmworks. Exhibit runs thru 7/31 in Phelan Hall, SF Main Library, 3rd floor, Civic Center, SF. Info: Jim Van Buskirk 557-4566.

Vision Gallery: On exhibit thru 7/15: "Re-Arrangements," works by Debra Heimerdinger; "Witnesss of Time," a platinum/palladium portfolio by Flor Garduno; "The Spirit of Structure," works by Tillman Crane. Hrs: Mon-Fri, 9 am-6 pm. 1155 Mission St, SF. Info: 621-2107.

Vorpal Gallery: Paintings & drawings by David Palmer on exhibit thru 7/3. 393 Grove St, SF. Info: 397-9200.

Mole Gallery: "Saving Face," a compilation of black & white staged photographs by Adriana Marchione, on exhibit thru 6/24. Hrs: 4 pm-2 am. 3286 22nd St at Valencia, SF. Info: 553-8982.

Morphos Gallery: Paintings, photography, bronze & kinetic sculpture by Frank Garvey, on exhibit thru 6/23. Artist's discussion & video screening 6/22, 8-10 pm. 544 Hayes St, SF. Info: 626-1936.

Pro Arts Gallery: "East Bay Open Studio," directory exhibit of the most representative view of Eastbay artists working in all media; thru 6/23. "Kate Connell: Loss of Limb," a multimedia installation exploring physicality; and "Scott Braley: The Homeless Photography Project," selection of works resulting from a continuing project teaching photography to the homeless; "Drawings by Barry Simons"; 7/7-8/21; reception 7/8, 8-7 pm; poetry reading by Simons at 8 pm. 461 9th St at Broadway, nr 12th, Oakl. Hrs: Wed-Thurs noon-6 pm, Fri-Sat 10 am-5 pm. Info: (510) 763-4361.

Richmond Art Center: "TV Times: The World thru the Box," work by several artists, urging the viewers to question the role of television in their lives. Exhibit runs thru 7/11. Hrs: Tues-Fri 10 am-4:30 pm; Sat-Sun noon-4:30 pm. Civic Center Plaza, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-6772.

ARU Gallery: "A Public Hang'in," emerging artists of various levels hang their finished work. On exhibit thru 6/12. Hrs: 11 am-7 pm, Tues-Sat. 736 14th St, SF. Info: 621-1551.

NIAD Gallery: "Exquisite NIAD: Open Studio Exhibit," of works by disabled artists; 6/12-7/31. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-4 pm, Sat 11 am-3 pm. 551 23rd St, Richmond. Info: (510) 620-0290.

New Langton Arts Gallery: Work by Carrie Mae Weems on exhibit 6/4-7/31, opening reception 6/4, 6-8 pm. Hrs: Wed-Sat, noon-5 pm. 1246 Folsom St, SF. Info: 626-5416.

Refusalon Gallery: "still lifes with wine & stuff," original paintings & documentation of Rich Richardson's unauthorized poster project produced throughout SF this spring. Exhibited today and by appt. Reception 6/10, 5-8 pm. 630 Natoma St, SF. Info: 431-1046.

Paintings by Frank Pietronigro celebrating the National March on Washington for Lesbian, Gay & Bi Equal Rights; on exhibit 6/7-30 at State of the Art Gallery, 524 Hayes St, SF.

"Clay Forms," by Matthew Zachary and **"Photographic Studies"** by Gerry Traucht, on exhibit at Christensen Heller Gallery, 5831 College Ave, Oakland, thru 7/3.

Photos by Panda Gish on exhibit at The Crepery Cafe, 86 Carl St, near the N Judah tunnel entrance in Cole Valley, SF. Thru 6/14.

New Paintings by David Abbot, on exhibit at Sweet Inspiration thru 6/30. 2239 Market St, SF. Info: 621-8664.

Art Attack Gallery: "Angelology," exhibit of artistic interpretations of angels by various artists at Art Attack Gallery, 323 Divisadero St, SF. Info: 621-3505. Thru 6/11.

"Land Marks," solo exhibit of works by Robin Tichane; on exhibit thru 6/30 at Commonwealth Club of California, 595 Market St at 2nd, SF.

John LeFlore: Paintings & drawings on exhibit at Suzanne's Muffins, 564 Castro St, SF. Thru 6/11.

Mixed Medium Works by artists with AIDS. Show spons by EACH (Early Advocacy & Care of HIV) Program and Continuum HIV Day Services. Abstracts, collages, icons, nudes, scenery and still lifes on wood, acrylics, oils, watercolors, tapestry, ceramic & mixed media. Thru August. 944 Market St, Ste, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210.

"Metal," exhibit of works by Genevieve Barnhart, Renee Frances Brown, Ron Megorden & Jeff Thomas. thru 7/11. Quicksilver Mine Co, 14028 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville. Info: (707) 869-9357.

"Our Time Has Come," photo exhibit on the homosexual equal rights movement, by Wilton Woods. Exhibit runs thru 6/15 at Abattoir Gallery, 1121 Soquel Ave, Santa Cruz. Info: (408) 426-1418.

"Inside/Outside: The Landscape of the Desert Meets the Landscape of the Factory Floor," 32 photographs by David Bacon on exhibit at Cafe Firenze, 2116 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley; thru 6/30. Opening reception 6/11, 5-7 pm.

"March on Washington" photo exhibit by Steve Thompson. On exhibit thru 7/6 at the Castro Country Club, 4058 18th St, SF. Info: (415) 552-6102 or (510) 827-3467.

"Dreamscapes," new photographs by Stephen Savage, on exhibit at Josie's Cabaret thru 6/30. Opening reception 6/6, 4-6 pm. 3583 16th St at Market, SF. Info: 861-7933.

"Scapes," new watermedia interior & exterior landscapes by Eileen Blodgett, on exhibit 6/5-9/1 at New Conservatory Theatre Gallery, 25 Van Ness Ave. Info: 861-8972.

Gay Pride '93 Art Exhibit spons by Levi Strauss & Co Lesbian/Gay Employee Assoc. Features mixed media works by Bay Area gay, lesbian & bisexual artists. Exhibit runs 6/13-24 at Levi's Plaza, 1155 Battery St, SF. Hrs: 10 am-7 pm Mon-Fri.

"Breaking the Silence," art exhibit and workshops about and for survivors of child sexual abuse. Art exhibit composed of collection of masks, paintings & sculpture by artist/survivor Katheryn Trenshaw. Ms Trenshaw also gives slideshow & lecture series & a series of interactive mask-making workshops. For info/res call Kim Lau 431-1180. SF Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

"Photographers of Marin," group show by the Marin Assoc of Professional Photographers and the Center for Global Spirituality. On exhibit 6/6-7/26, opening reception 6/6, 4-6 pm. 1610 Tiburon Blvd, Tiburon. Info: 435-6407.

"Oils by Colleen Yoko," on exhibit at Moby Dick's, 4049 18th St at Hartford, SF. Info: 931-2700.

"New Work by Matthew James," an open studio 6/6, 3-7 pm at 1234 Valencia St, btwn 23rd & 24th, SF.

on stage

Private Lives. Noel Coward's wickedly witty comedy of bad manners concludes Berkeley Rep's 25th anniversary season. Runs Tues-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 & 7 pm, thru 6/27. Sat matinees at 2 pm on 6/12 & 26; Thurs matinees at 2 pm on 6/3 & 17. Berkeley Rep Theatre, 2025 Addison St, Berkeley. Tix $19-31. For tix & other info call (510) 845-4700.

Cho-Mu, a collaborative installation/performance piece by Reiko Goto & Joanna Haigood. Performances Tues-Sat at 2 pm, with additional 4 pm performances on Wed & Sat, thru 6/26 at Capp Street Project, 270 14th St, SF. Free. Info: 626-7747.

La Ronde II by Eric Bentley. All-male adaptation of the Schnitzler round-robin of sexual couplings plays at the Alcazar Loft, 650 Geary St, SF. London Pacific Theatre Co production. Runs Thurs-Fri at 8:30 pm, Sat at 7 & 10 pm, thru 6/26. Tix $20. $1 of each ticket sold during the run will go the AIDS Emergency Fund. Alcazar Theatre, 650 Geary St, SF. On-site parking available. Tix at BASS. Info/res: 749-1790.

Coconut by Adele Prandini. Musical fable. Passions ignite in the heat of a tropical sun as long-lost lovers, land developers, environmentalists, tourists and a native shaman vie for the future of paradise. Music by Bob Davis & Jeanine Strobel, lyrics by Bob Davis, Adele Prandini & Jeanine Strobel. Theatre Rhino production. Previews 6/3 & 4 at 8 pm; runs Wed-Sun at 8 pm, 6/5-26; 3 pm matinee on 6/13. Cowell Theater, Ft Mason Center, SF. Info/res: 861-5079 or the Theatre Rhino Box Office at 2926 16th St, SF.

Caligula by Albert Camus. Camus' rarely produced masterwork is based on the infamous brutal Roman emperor of the same name. The playwright uses Caligula to perform an intense study of the absurdity of existence. Play runs 6/3-13 at 7 pm. Tix $12.50-14.50, available at BASS or call 621-7797. Theater Artaud, 450 Florida Ave, SF. American Theatre Ventures production, in association with Cal State Hayward.

The Music Man. The Mountain Play Association presents its 80th Mountain Play at Mt Tamalpais Mountain Theatre, creating its own life-like version of 1912 River City, Iowa. Play runs 6/6, 13, 20 & 27 at 1 pm; 6/19 show is a benefit for Calif State Parks. Adv tix $16 gen'l, $11 over 64 & under 18. Tix at gate are $2 add'l. Info/res: 383-1100.

The Crackwalker by Judith Thompson. Chilling contemporary drama centers on four people clinging to the edge of an urban social order where love & tenderness struggle to coexist with the accepted norms of brutality & violence. Y Theater production. Play previews 6/3, $7; opens 6/4, $10; runs Thurs-Sat, $7-10. All shows at 8 pm except Sun "pay as you can" matinees at 2 pm. The Y Theater, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info/res: 885-0460.

The Dick & the Devil by Gary Aylesworth. Solo play, a provocative new work about a serial killer investigation. Construction Crew Theater Co production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8:30 pm, 6/4-26. Noh Space, 2840 Mariposa St, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 641-4454.

The Moon by Henry Steele. Part two of the "Herodiadne" trilogy. Three-person play focuses on what happens when Ariadne, weary of her lamentable plight, wills herself into another mythological dimension—Judeo-Christian—and "becomes" Herodias, mother-to-be of Salome—almost (hence her new name, Herodiadne). The Marsh production. Play opens 6/3, runs Thurs-Sun thru June at 8 pm. The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

Accomplice by Rupert Holmes. Riotous comedy thriller produced by Palo Alto Players. Play runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm, Sun 6/6 & 6/13 at 2:30 pm. Sun 6/20 at 7 pm, thru 6/26. Tix $10 previews, $14-16 regular performances, $18 opening night gala (6/5). Lucie Stern Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Info/res: 329-2623.

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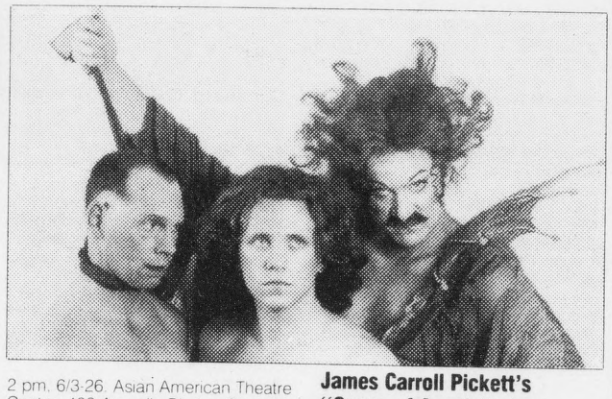
New World a world premiere by Dan Weber. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun at 2 pm, 6/3-26. Asian American Theatre Center, 403 Arguello Blvd at Clement, SF. Tix $10. Info/res: 751-2600.



James Carroll Pickett's "Queen of Angels" plays June 11-July 3. Check OnStage for info. Photo by Steve Savage

Our Lady of the Tortilla by Luis Santeiro. Play tells the humorous story of a Latino college student who brings his Anglo girlfriend home to meet the family. His attempts to disguise their Latin ways are thwarted by his visionary aunt Dolores when she spots the Virgin Mary in a tortilla and becomes an instant celebrity. TheatreWorks production. Runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, Sun 6/6 at 2 pm; thru 6/19. TheatreWorks, Cubberly Stage II Theatre, 1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto. Tix $12. Info/res: 329-2623.

Skirts, all-female sketch comedy team, plays every Fri night thru 6/25 at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. 10:30 pm, $7. Info/res: 641-0235.

Hurricane by Anne Galjour. A full-length dark comedy centered around the lives of several people in a small Cajun community, just north of the Gulf of Mexico. All six characters are played by Galjour. Climate Theatre production. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 6/27 at Climate Theatre, 252 9th St, SF. Each night's performance is followed by a red beans & rice feast prepared for the audience by Ms Galjour. Tix $12-14. Info/res: 626-9196.

Beat conceived & directed by Anthony St Martin. Beat celebrates SF's Beat Generation thru the prose & poetry of the era's most prolific & innovative writers—Gregory Corso, Diane diPrima, Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Michael McClure, Gary Snyder and Bob Kaufman; accompanied by the moody jazz of such luminaries as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Thelonious Monk & Anita O'Day. North Beach Rep Theatre production. Runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm, thru 6/27 at North Beach Repertory Theatre, The Cannery, 2801 Leavenworth St, SF. Tix $12-15. Stdnt & sr discounts available. Info/res: 928-4860.

Deepest Sympathy by Reed Kirk Rahlmann. Black comedy surrounding the web of unethical legal shenanigans arising from criminal negligence resulting in a death at the "Greener Pastures" nursing home. Bindlestiff Productions. Play runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 6/3-26. Bindlestiff Theatre, 185 6th St at Howard, SF. Tix $7 at door. Info/res: 974-1167.

Dates written and produced by Asian AIDS Project. Play about Asian Pacific Islander identity & sexuality in the age of HIV. Play runs 6/11 & 6/12 at 8 pm, 6/13 at 2 pm. New Conservatory Theatre, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF. Lower lobby. Tix $8. Info/res: 861-8972.

The Secret Garden Marsha Norman & Lucy Simon's 1991 Tony Award-winning musical fantasy comes to the Orpheum Theatre, 1192 Market St at Hyde & Grove, SF, for a limited engagement. For showtimes, tix & other info call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

In Xanadu... (Invisible Cities) collaborative theater work by shadow master/director/writer Larry Reed and producer/choreographer Eva Stoltes. A shadow theater work featuring dance, language, gesture, masks and music. Run Thurs-Sun at 8:30 pm, 6/24-27. Theatre Artaud, 450 Florida St, SF. Tix $14 & $10. Info/res: 621-7797.

Queen of Angels by Carroll Pickett. This wildly imaginative comedy, subtitled, "A Tragical Comedy or Comical Tragedy: Full of Intrigue & Plenty of Dancing, Angry Scenes! Deceptions! Songs! and Arousals of Love! Demons That Fly Across the Stage, with a Chorus of Naked Queers," is set inside a carnival tent and showcases the demented memory & dreams of one Max, a poet. Ponderhill production. Play previews 6/10 & 11 at 8 pm, opens 6/11 at 8 pm, runs Wed-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/3. Sun 6/13 & 6/20 at 7 pm, matinee performances 6/19, 20 & 26 and 7/3 at 3 pm. For tix & other info/res call 861-5079. Theatre Rhino

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The Substance of Fire by Jon Robin Baitz. Critically acclaimed off-Broadway hit is a passionate drama about a fiercely intellectual & venemously witty NY publisher & Holocaust survivor whose refusal to compromise his high standards has brought the family business to the brink of financial ruin, creating a seemingly insurmountable rift between him and his three grown children. Magic Theatre production. Play previews 6/9-12, opens 6/15, runs Wed-Sat at 8:30 pm, Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm thru 7/11 (no 6/20 performance, no 7/4 performance). Tix $12 previews, $12 stdnts/srs, $17-21 regular performances. Magic Theatre/Northside, Ft Mason Center, Bldg D, SF. Info/res: 441-8822.

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The Tenth Muse by Richard Talavera. Drama based on the life & work of the famous 17th century Mexican feminist, poet, scientist & nun, Sor Juana Inez de la Cruz. Produced by Intersection for the Arts. Play previews thru 6/6, opens 6/9, runs Thurs-Sun thru 6/27, at 8 pm. Tix $5 previews, $10 regular performances. Intersection for the Arts Theatre, 446 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 626-3311.

Cinderella: A Tale of Survival by choreographer Krissy Keefer, playwright Toni Press & feminist composer Ferron. The Dance Brigade premieres an innovative rendition of the classic tale, performed by its multiracial dance troupe and accompanied by Ferron & her 4-piece music ensemble, exploring child abuse & domestic violence. Production is sign-interpreted. Runs Fri-Sun 6/11-6/20 and Thurs-Sun 6/17-20 at 8 pm at Laney College Theatre, 900 Fallon at 9th St, Oakl. Tix $15 adv, $17 at door; $10 for kids 12 & under, seniors & the disabled. Info/res: (510) 465-3686.

Lend Me A Tenor by Ken Ludwig. Comedy about two mistaken identities on the opera stage. Marin Theatre Co production runs thru 6/13. For tix & other info call 388-5208.

Frankie & Johnny in the Claire de Lune by Terrence McNally. Touching comedy produced by Citadel Theatre Co. Play runs Thurs-Sun at 8 pm thru 6/13. Tix $12. Bannam Place Theatre, 50-B Bannam Place nr Grant, SF. Info/res: 921-1785.

Orpheus in the Underworld, Jacques Offenbach's work continues the Pocket Opera's regular 1993 season at Martin Meyer Auditorium, Temple Emanu-El, Arguello & Lake Sts, SF. For showtimes, tix & other info call 989-1853.

Irving Berlin in Revue lively salute to the popular composer previews 6/11-6/22, $20; opens 6/23; runs Tues-Thurs at 8 pm, Fri & Sat at 8:30 pm, Sat & Sun at 2:30 pm; Sun at 7 pm. Tix $21 & $25 on weekdays & Sun at 7 pm; $24 & $28 on weekends. Info/res: 433-9500 or BASS. Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, SF.

Goodbye to All That: Henry Stele performs songs from his new album at The Marsh on 6/12, 6/19 & 6/26 at 10:30 pm. 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235.

The Candlestick Tales by Isabelle Maynard, Presco Corpuz Tabios, Stephen Most, Lee Jenkins, Marijane Datson & Tony Sciullo, associate members of the Oral History Playwrights Project. A re-telling of The Canterbury Tales, based on Bay Area oral histories. After another earthquake shocker, a group of '49-ers fans stumble into a local bar in need of a phone, help and a drink, each with a story to tell. Tale Spinners Theatre production. Play runs 6/8, 6/22 & 6/29 at 8:30 pm at The Marsh, 1062 Valencia St, SF. Info/res: 641-0235. Tix $6-9 SL fee.

Tommy Tune returns to SF with "Tommy Tune Tonite!" featuring a new repertoire of songs from Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and George Gershwin. Best of Broadway production. Runs 6/9-7/4 at the Curran Theatre, SF. For tix and other info call (415) 776-1999 or (510) 762-BASS.

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Lie of the Mind by Sam Shepard. Two emotionally damaged lovers, drowning in a violent relationship, continue to reach out for each other in Shepard's incisive exploration of the disintegration of the American family. Play previews 7/9 & 10 at 8 pm, $8; opens 6/11 at 8 pm, $15; runs fri-Sat at 8 pm thru 7/10, $14. The Phoenix Theatre, 301 8th St at Folsom, SF. Info/res: 621-4423.

A Streetcar Named Desire by Tennessee Williams. Williams' drama of a woman living with illusions of past elegance, and her struggle with a brutish brother-in-law in a New Orleans tenement. Y Theatre production. Classic play is given new meaning in a co-production with A Black Box Theatre that features an African-American cast. Play previews 6/23 at 8 pm, $7; runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, $7-10; with Sun "pay what you can" matinees at 2 pm. Y Theater, Central YMCA, 220 Golden Gate Ave, SF, 2nd floor. Info/res: 885-0460.

Beauty & the Beast by Stephen Oliver. Berkeley Contemporary Opera closes its 1993 season with Oliver's rendering of the classic children's tale. Preview 6/9 at 8 pm; performances 6/11 at 8 pm, 6/12 at 3 & 8 pm, 6/13 at 3 pm, at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 84-JULIA. Tix $25 preferred, $18 gen'l, $6-10 stdnts.

F. Alan Hale & Gayle Schmitt give solo perfomances at The Fifth Floor, 300 Brannan St, Ste 510, SF. Sat nights in June: 6/5, 12, 19 & 26 at 8 pm. Doors open at 7:30 pm. Tix $8 Info/res: 495-5362.

Beirut by Alan Bowne. Play about love in the plague years which explores the choice between living in a world where sex is a crime and crossing the boundaries into a world of danger & risk in order to feel alive. Single Strand production. Opens 6/5 at ATA (992 Valencia St, SF), run 6/6 at ATA, 6/18 at HOJ (110 Capp St, SF) & 6/19 at HOJ. All performances at 8 pm. Tix $8 donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/res: 821-6968.

American Buffalo by David Mamet. Shotgun Players production runs Thurs-Sat, 6/10-end of June. Tix $10 gen'l, $8 stdnts & srs. LaVal's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid St, Berkeley. Info/res: (510) 869-4669.

Like Dog & Dog by Steve Hayes-Pollard. In a small town in the south of Spain, the mayor, chief of police and a hot-shot lawyer organize the capture of the young homosexual poet & playwright Federico Garcia Lorca. Arrested for performing in violation of a curfew, the poet is ordered to confess to inciting the public to riot. When he refuses, Lorca is forced to play a vicious game to defend his art & his life. Hardback Theater production. Play previews 6/11, runs Thurs-Sat at 8 pm, 6/12-26. Tix $10 gen'l, $6 stdnts & srs, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info/res: (510) 549-9446. Eighth Street Studio, 2525 8th St & Dwight, Berkeley.

resource guide

► AIDS RESOURCES

ACT UP/SF meets Thurs, 7:30 pm, at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Direct action & civil disobedience to end the AIDS epidemic & the injustices around it. Call 621-0291 for info. WA.

ACT-UP/Golden Gate meets Tues at 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance), SF. Info: 241-8800 or FAX 252-9277.

PISD (People with Immune System Disorder), a caucus of ACT UP, for all people with immune disorders. Call 563-0724 for info.

ACT-UP Eastbay meets Wed 7:30 pm, First Unitarian Church of Oakl, 14th & Castro, Oakl (3 blocks west of City Ctr BART Station). Info: (510) 836-4401.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: nonviolent, civil disobedience, political activist organization addresses AIDS issues thru direct contact with govt officials. Call 567-5412 for info.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Provides nighttime emotional support for people concerned about AIDS or HIV infection. Run by SF Suicide Prevention, the Nightline is staffed by trained volunteers, Mon-Fri 9 pm-5 am, Sat & Sun 5 pm-5 am. Call 668-2437 or 1-(800) 273-2437.

AIDS Trials at NIAD/NIH: the National Institutes of Health recruits volunteers for inpatient & outpatient studies of new drugs & vaccines. For info call 1-800-243-7644. If you're accepted & enroll in a study, all travel expenses, & medical care provided at NIH, is free.

Directory: HIV Clinical Trials *in the Bay Area*, a directory published & distributed by the Community Consortium. The goal of this directory is to make it easier for people with HIV disease to enter drug trails. It provides up-to-date, easily understood descriptions of currently available trials for people with HIV & their caregivers. Also answers basic questions about clinical trials & lists trial requirements & purposes. Updated 3 times a year. Free. For more info or to get a copy, call 476-9554.

The City of Berkeley offers free, anonymous blood-testing for the HIV virus at South Berkeley Women's Community Health Center, South Berkeley Community Church, 1802 Fairview St (enter at Ellis), Berkeley. Thurs 1-3:30 pm. Drop-in. For more info call (510) 644-8571 or (510) 601-8282 on Thurs.

AIDS Emergency Fund: A volunteer-run, community-funded agency that provides emergency financial aid to low-income persons with AIDS/disabling ARC in the 9 Bay Area counties. Info: 441-6407. 1550 California St #7, SF 94109.

People with AIDS-SF: sponsors educational forums & newsletter, addresses research, public policy & other issues. Info: 553-2560.

Women's Support Group: open to any women diagnosed with AIDS. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

Youth & Children's Groups: ongoing support for those diagnosed, & for children of people with AIDS, divided by age categories. Info: Shanti Project 777-CARE.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives: Offers several support group for adolescents & young adults dealing with HIV. Group helps minimize the stress felt among young people who are HIV+. Free. Spons by AIDS Health Project. For mtg locations, times & other info call Julie Graham 386-4615 or Scott Walker 206-3157.

The Brothers Network is an African-American organization providing free emotional support for HIV + gay & bisexual men. Support groups include a Tues eve drop-in, peer counseling and ongoing African-American specific groups. Info: 749-6714. FAX 749-6706.

Men of African Descent with Disabling Disease Drop-in Support Group spons by the SF AIDS Foundation: Safe, confidential place to talk about HIV issues, share experiences with other men of African descent, discuss treatment options, support service access & other topics. Fri, 1:30-3 pm, SF AIDS Foundation, 3rd floor conference room, 25 Van Ness Ave at Market, SF. Info: 864-5855 or just drop in! No group held on 11/26 & 12/31 1993.

HIV/ARC/AIDS Gay/Bi Men's Peer Support Group meets Fri 10 am-noon at Pacific Center Walnut Creek, 1250 Pine St, Ste 301, Walnut Creek. Open group, $5 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds). Info: Margaret Walker (510) 939-7711.

Rafiki Services Project provides practical & emotional support volunteer training; and services specifically geared toward African-American people with AIDS & HIV-related illnesses. For info contact Rodney Gooden 346-5860

Marin AIDS Project Emotional & practical support for persons with AIDS/HIV & their loved ones. Outreach & education. Info: 457-2487.

ARC/AIDS Drop-In Group for men with AIDS-related conditions or symptomatic HIV disease. Support, info, stress management. Thurs 6-8 pm. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Free. No adv reg required. Info: 626-7000.

HIV+ Drop-in Group for men testing positive. Wkly mtgs, 6-8 pm, free. Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF. Info: 626-7000.

HIV Dual Diagnosis Program spons by Operation Concern: Provides intake, assessment, psychiatric consultation & monitoring, counseling & psychotherapy, case management & referrals, for HIV positive lesbians & gay men whose diagnoses are complicated by psychiatric disorders and/or substance abuse. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Health Project offers prevention programs; mental health, substance abuse & antibody counseling; AIDS health professional training program & a guide to AIDS Research. Info: 1855 Folsom St, Ste 506, SF. 476-6430.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC meet in Oakl. Info: AIDS Project of the Eastbay (510) 420-8181

SF Kaiser Permanente Med Ctr offers HIV + groups (for gay men, for non-gay men & women); ARC groups (for gay men, for women & non-gay men); groups for parents whose children have AIDS, for caretakers (lovers, spouses, friends & others) of people with AIDS/ARC, & for those grieving after losing someone to AIDS. Also offers HIV forums on a variety of issues. Free, open to all Kaiser members, their families & friends.

Kaiser Oakland offers drop-in groups dealing with AIDS/HIV issues. Call Marsha Blachman, LCSW (510) 596-6305. For info on ongoing, closed support groups call Lee Horzempa, LCSW (510) 596-6344; for info on HIV Education forums call Joe De Milia 596-6848.

Kaiser Movement & Exercise: ongoing 10-session, non-intensive therapeutic movement & exercise class for people with AIDS/HIV & other immunodeficiecies, spons by CCCATF & Kaiser Permanente. Wed 3-4 pm, $10/10 wks. Stanwell Bldg, 1634 Newell Ave, Walnut Creek. Drop in OK ($2/session). Info: (510) 943-2771.

Kaiser Patients Advocacy Union (KPAU): consumer activist group assists HIV-positive Kaiser patients, family & friends who are having problems with medical care & services at Kaiser. Newsletter, mtgs, confidential hotline, & lobbying—call 621-3409.

Gazebo at Davies Medical Ctr: an educational ctr for PWAs & HIVers. Get help interpreting lab work; info on clinical trials; nutrition, breathing & body awareness; legal advise (wills, living trusts, power of attorney) & more. For info & calendar of events call 565-6369, Mon-Fri 10 am-4 pm. Castro & Duboce Sts, SF.

SF AIDS Foundation Client Services Dept provides a variety of direct services for persons with AIDS & ARC: financial benefits counseling, info & referral, advocacy, women's & people of color services, emergency housing, food bank & more. For info call 864-5855.

Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network: counseling & in-home care for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Also support groups. Info: Face to Face/Sonoma County AIDS Network, POB 1599, Guerneville, CA 95446; or call (707) 887-1581.

Valley of the Moon AIDS Project offers free, bimonthly support groups for people living with AIDS/HIV, and their friends & family. 1st & 3rd Tues of each month, 7-8:30 pm at Sonoma Vintage House, 264 First Street East, Sonoma (rooms 111 & 113) Info: David (707) 938-3765 or Sheana (707) 935-6260.

The AIDS/ARC Blood Fund for people with AIDS is available by calling the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Demo Club's Blood Fund Coordinator, 863-6761.

Project Open Hand delivers hot meals & groceries to people with AIDS or disabling HIV disease in SF, Oakl & Berk. Food Bank at Church & Duboce, SF, provides groceries only. No one refused service because of inability to pay. A letter of diagnosis/referral is all that's necesssary to receive service. Info: (415) 558-0600 or (510) 548-8909.

The Family Link provides housing for friends & family of people with AIDS who are visiting from outside the Bay Area. Info: 346-0770.

ARIS Project: emotional, practical wkly support groups for people w/AIDS, ARC, HIV pos., & their loved ones. Also volunteer training. Call (408) 370-3272.

Contra Costa County AIDS Program: County government program. Offers community support groups & education. 597 Center Ave, Ste 200, Martinez, CA 94553. For info or to volunteer: (510) 313-6770.

Contra Costa County AIDS Task Force: Offers emotional & practical support to people with AIDS/ARC, their families & loved ones. Support groups, outreach, education. Info: (510) 932-AIDS. 2326 Boulevard Circle, Walnut Creek, 94595-1153.

San Mateo County AIDS Project: spons by the Dept of Health Services. Info: AIDS Project Coordinator 573-2588.

AIDS Ministry of MCC-SF: provides support to persons with AIDS & other life-threatening & chronic illnesses, their family & friends. Support groups, monthly potlucks dinners, healing services, spiritually-based training for caretakers & more. Info: 863-4434. 150 Eureka St, SF.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support) provides direct services so people with AIDS/ARC can keep their pets. Also places pets in foster & permanent homes as needed. Info: 824-4040.

SHARE (Special Human & Animal Relationships) program of Marin Humane Society offers services to Marin County PWAs with pets. Info: 883-4621.

The Godfather Service Fund: provides care packages (toiletry, bathrobes, slippers & teddy bear) to people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in 12 SF hospitals. To volunteer or make contributions call 565-4433 or write 584 Castro St #225, SF 94114.

Health Center#1 offers an evening clinic for people who are HIV positive or have AIDS or AIDS-related conditions, and find it difficult to go the doctor during the daytime. Clinic serves the Mission, Castro/Eureka Valley, Potrero Hill, Glen Park, Diamond Heights, Noe Valley, Monterey and South of Market areas of SF. Bilingual, multicultural staff, sensitive to the needs of women with HIV. 3850 17th St, SF. Info/appt: 554-9750.

Shanti Project offers emotional, practical & residential support to people with AIDS, their friends, families & loved ones. 525 Howard St, SF. PWA Support Groups: daytime—Tues, Thurs, Fri; eves—Tues, Wed, Thurs. Friends, Family & Lovers Support Group: Wed & Thurs eves; Coping with Loss & Grief Support Group—Thurs eve. For info/location, or to volunteer as an emotional or practical support counselor (training provided) call 777-CARE.

Ellipse-Peninsula AIDS Services offers 1-1 & group emotional support for persons with AIDS & ARC, their families & significant others. Also info/referrals; case management/coordination & attendant care services. Extensive volunteer activities available. Info: 572-9702.

AIDS Interfaith Support Committee of Sonoma County: persons of any faith tradition welcome (707) 762-0107.

AIDS Interfaith Network of the Eastbay: monthly healing services. 2nd Sun, 3 pm, Lake Merritt United Methodist Church, 3755 13th St at Park, Oakl. Info: (510) 523-5011.

AIDS Interfaith of Marin: Diverse group of clergly & spiritual seekers who serve persons with AIDS, their families, friends, loved ones & caregivers. Info: Rev Dave Martin 457-1129 or write to 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, #12, San Anselmo, 94960.

The Center for AIDS Services provides compassionate support services for perople with AIDS/ARC/HIV & their caregivers in Alameda County. Day Center (meals, housing referrals, therapeutic massage, social activities, laundry & shower facilities, support group & van transportation); Counseling (advocacy, referrals, in-depth psychotherapy); Volunteer Services (provide assistance with cooking, cleaning, shopping, transportation, etc); Food Bank (groceries & nutritional supplements). 5720 Shattuck Ave, Oakl 94609. (510) 655-3435.

Van Transportation Program for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV in Alameda County. Transport to & from healthcare appts. Info: The Center (510) 655-3435.

Interreligious Coalition on AIDS, a network of AIDS caregivers from the SF religious community, offers a directory of AIDS-sensitive clergy from a diverse range of religious traditions and ethnic backgrounds. Info: Bob Nelson 558-7066.

Kairos Support for Caregivers: resource ctr in the Castro for caregivers of those affected by the AIDS epidemic. Helps caregivers deal with emotional issues. Gives guidance in caring for one's own mind, body & spirit. Support groups, wkshops, social activities, information sharing, counseling. Info: 861-0877.

AIDS Project of the East Bay sponsors support groups throughout the Bay Area for people with AIDS/ARC. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents Support Group: for parents of children living with AIDS/ARC. Open to parents with children of any age, facilitated by two parents of a person with AIDS. Issues that arise for parents can be difficult to deal with alone, come talk to other parents who've been there. Oakland location. Spons by AIDS Project of the East Bay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Parents & Family Support Group: wkly drop-in group gives support to families of origin of people with AIDS. Wed 7-9 pm at Coming Home Hospice, 115 Diamond St, SF. Spons by Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF. Info: Gail Bigelow 861-8705.

Lovers, Friends, & Family of People with AIDS/ARC Group meets in Berkeley. Mon 6-8 pm. Info: AIDS Project of the East Bay (510) 834-8181.

Project Inform: Provides info on available treatments for HIV/AIDS (both experimental & FDA-approved), and conducts advocacy work on public policy issues affecting treatment access. Services include national toll-free hotline; fact sheets & bulletins; and more. 1965 Market St, Ste 220, SF 94103. Call (415) 558-9051 or (800) 334-7422.

Treatment Action Network (TAN): grass-roots advocacy group launched by Project Inform. TAN is a nat l network of activists who contact elected officials, govt administrators & drug companies to lobby for critical HIV treatment & research issues. For more info & action updates, call (415) 558-9051 in SF or (800) 334-7422 in Calif. (800) 822-7422 elsewhere in the US.

SF Public Library for the Blind & Print Handicapped offers audio tapes & records to SF residents who can't read print due to physical illness or disability. Unabridged reading material & the equipment needed to play it provided free. All exchanges can be done by mail. Info: 558-5035.

Couples Group for people with AIDS & their partners. Deal with improving communication, problem-solving & other relationship issues. 6 wk groups start every other month. For info call AIDS Health Project 476-6430.

Couples Support Group spons by Shanti Project. A group for couples where one or more partners has AIDS. Info: 777-CARE.

Berkeley HIV + Support Group: free, confidential, professionally-facilitated group meets wkly in eves. Limited membership. Low-cost individual counseling also available for PWA/ARC/HIV-positive. Info: Pacific Ctr (510) 841-6224.

HIV-positive/ AIDS Support Groups spons by Project Eden. Groups for PWAs, HIV-positive people, their lovers, friends & families. A safe place to share feelings. Mon & Wed. Info: (510) 887-0566.

San Joaquin AIDS Foundation: 4410 North Pershing Ave, Ste C-5, Stockton. PO Box 8277, Stockton, CA 95208. (209) 476-8533. 1st & 3rd Mon of each month: "Gather Round" support group for the HIV+, persons with AIDS/ARC, 6:30-8 pm at SJAF office. 2nd & 4th Tues: "Hand to Hand" support group for SJAF volunteers, 7 pm at SJAF office. Every Wed: "Stockton Connection" gay rap group discusses safe sex, AIDS, health issues & lifestyle management.

Home Care Wkshops: 17-hr wkshops offered by Home Care Companions, a nonprofit organization. For friends/family taking care of HIV patients in the home. Expand your knowledge of home nursing, social services, legal, medical & psychological issues. Info: 824-3269.

Men's Couples Group: focus on the stress of coping with a partners' illness or anxieties. Mon eves, 7:30-9 pm, free. Spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. Info: (510) 834-8181.

Lovers, Family & Friends of People with AIDS/ARC: Operation Concern's AIDS Family Project offers individual, couple & family counseling; plus support groups for the loved ones of people with AIDS/ARC. Info: 626-7000.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: assists persons with AIDS, ARC or serious HIV infection on a wide range of legal problems, including wills & powers of attorney, housing difficulties, government benefits, employment programs & other issues. Services are free or reduced fee. Call 291-5454.

Insurance/Employee Benefits Legal Clinic for people with HIV infection. Free 45 min consultation with a lawyer to address your insurance questions or problems. Every Thurs, 6:15-8:30 pm. By appointment only, call the AIDS Legal Referral Panel: 291-5454.

Bankruptcy/Creditor Problems Legal Clinic for People with HIV Infection: Free presentation by a bankruptcy lawyer concerning how to handle creditor problems, plus free one-on-one consulta-

tion. 2nd Wed of every month, 6:30-8:30 pm, at the Gazebo, Davies Medical Center, Castro & Duboce, SF. Info/reg: AIDS Legal Referral Panel 291-5454.

Shanti Project Residences: Shanti provides low-cost, longterm housing to people with AIDS. Each of 12 residence houses are home to 3-6 people. Private bedrooms, all other living spaces shared. Resident Advocates assist with home health care, transportation, medical intervention of social services. Residents pay ¼ of their monthly income as rent. For info on renting housing or to make a donation: Shanti Residence Care rogram 777-CARE.

Peter Claver Community offers housing to persons with AIDS or ARC who are homeless or unable to secure stable housing. Info: 563-9228. Spons by Catholic Charities AIDS/ARC program.

JFCS AIDS Project: Jewish Family & Childrens' Service offers services to Jewish people with AIDS & ARC, their loved ones & families: counseling, case management, PWA/PWARC support group looking at illness in a Jewish context, emergency financial assistance, meal delivery, practical support volunteers, & support for out-of-town family members. Also speakers' bureau. Coordinator: Jody Reiss 561-1241. 1600 Scott St, SF 94115.

Emergency Health Fund spons by Catholic Charities: provides funds for PWAS/PWARC with incomes of less than $1000/month, to help in emergency situations. Info: 864-7400, ask for the AIDS/ARC Division.

GAPA Community HIV Project: Spons by the Gay Asian Pacific Alliance, this group provides emotional & pratical support, including counseling, housekeeping, shopping, hospital & home visits, running errands, and preparing special meals. For more info contact Danny Yu 575-3939.

Group for Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men—Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Info: 554-9760.

Group for HIV+ Gay Asian & Pacific Islander Men: Thurs 7:30-9 pm. Spons by GAPA Community HIV Project. Call Paul 575-3933 for info.

Sex, Dating & Relationships: Ongoing group offered by GAPA Community HIV Project: For Asian or Pacific Islander gay/bisexual men who want to discuss these issues in an informal small-group setting. Group meets every 3rd Tues of the month at GCHP, 1841 Market ST, SF, 2nd floor, 7-9 pm. Info: Prescott 575-3939.

Diablo Valley AIDS Ctr: the only drop-in center for people with AIDS in Contra Costa County. Hrs: Mon-Fri 9 am-9 pm. Info: (510) 686-DVAC or write PO Box 139, Concord CA 94522.

Napa Valley AIDS Project provides education, support groups, benefits counseling, volunteer services & more for HIV + Napa County residents. Info: (707) 258-2437.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources SF: Nonprofit provides restorative & adjunctive approaches to healthcare to relieve the imbalances & stress related to HIV infection. Info: 255-1928.

Pacific Center, Berkeley, offers several peer-support groups for people with HIV & AIDS. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

The Immigrant HIV Assistance Project of the Bar Association of SF provides free legal assistance for HIV positive immigrants residing in SF who need help with their immigration cases. Call 267-0795 for more info.

The Healing Circle. Support group for people dealing with HIV and/or other healing and growth issues. Men & women welcome. Meets every Thurs at 8 pm. 60 Brady St, SF. Info: David 641-4952.

Food for Thought. AIDS food program for people with AIDS & ARC in Sonoma County. Free groceries, sundries. For info. or to volunteer or donate, write PO Box 1357, Guerneville, CA 95446 or call (707) 887-1647.

Gay Rescue Mission helps people with AIDS/HIV thru transitional housing, low-income shared housing resources, grocery bags, clothing, personal care items, referrals. For info call 863-0516, 9 am-5 pm, Mon-Fri.

The Living Room (Revival Inc): a social club for people with AIDS, ARC & HIV + & for all who are concerned & care. Not a support group, not a bar, but an alternate social setting for those seeking a quality atmosphere. Wheelchair Accessible. 4035 18th St at Castro (next to Hot 'n Hunky). Call 252-1150 for hours & other info.

STOP AIDS Mtgs for gay & bisexual men. Meet 12-15 other guys for a one-time, free, informal mtg to talk about safe sex, coping with the epidemic, & what you can do to help end it. Evenings & wkend mtgs. Call Randy or Buck at STOP AIDS Project for reg/info: 621-7177.

Healing Alternatives Foundation (HAF) maintains public HIV/AIDS Treatment & Resource Library. Also Buyer's Club offers substantial savings on products aimed at improving the health of PWAs/HIV+, including vitamins, minerals, herbals and more. Payment accepted thru AIDS Emergency Fund & Catholic Charities. Volunteers receive addt'l discounts on products. Hrs: Tues-Fri, noon-6 pm, Sat noon-5 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 626-2316.

American Indian AIDS Institute: Provides education & prevention as well as case management & practical support services for HIV + American Indians. Referrals are welcome. One-on-one mental health services available. 333 Valencia St #200, SF 94103. Call 626-7639.

In-Home Counseling Center provides counseling on a donation basis for people with AIDS/ARC/HIV. Info: 931-6151.

Federal Benefits Seminars: twice-monthly seminar spons by the Client Services Dept of SF AIDS Foundation, for federal employees with AIDS or ARC. Focus is on the benefits package available to federal employees who are currently employed, as well as those considering separation. The hour-long seminar is held 3rd Thurs of the month at 11 am & 4th Thurs at 5 pm, and is led by a rep from the Dept of Health & Human Services. At SF AIDS Fdn Client Services Office, 25 Van Ness Ave, SF, 6th floor. Info/res: call the on-duty social worker 864-5855, pre-reg by phone is required.

Services for deaf & hearing impaired people infected with HIV: Offered by the UCSF Center on Deafness (UCCD). Mental health services, interpreting services and psychosocial support. Info: 476-7600 (TTY) or 476-4980 (voice).

Dance Brigade premieres "Cinderella, A Tale of Survival," June 11-20 at Laney College Theater. Check Calendar date for info. Photo by Stephen Farley

EACH (Early Advocacy & Care for HIV) provides info about HIV early intervention, HIV/AIDS treatments & clinical trials. One-on-one cosultations to help HIV-positive men with info, access & referrals to free medical care & other services. Spons by the Gay Men of Color Consortium for gay & bisexual men of all colors. 944 Market St, corner of Mason, SF. Ste 210. Info: 403-3800.

Tenderloin AIDS Resource Ctr: Serves the Tenderloin & South of Market communities. Info & referral, client advocacy, counseling, community education, case management, street outreach, support groups, assitance with the social service & health care system. Bilingual services available. (English/Spanish) services available. Free. Mon-Fri 9 am-5 pm. Info: 431-7476.

Lesbians with HIV: Individual psychotherapy & case management offered; groups & couples treatment available. Free. Spons by Operation Concern. For info call Miriam or Nan 252-6076.

Multi-Problem Drop-In Group for HIV positive men with substance use &/or mental health concerns at Operation Concern. Free. No reg necessary. 1853 Market St, SF. Tues 5:30-6:30 pm. Call 626-7000.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group meets at the Tenderloin AIDS Resource Center. Wed 1-3 pm. 187 Golden Gate Ave, SF. Info: Sheri 431-7476.

Santa Clara County HIV/AIDS Program provides medical evaluation, ongoing monitoring, treatment, benefits & nutritional counseling, case management & referrals at its Early Intervention Project. The Alternative Test Site provides free anonymous HIV antibody testing, with counseling & referral. 976 Lenzen Ave, San Jose. Info: (408) 299-4151.

SF Dept of Social Services offers the In Home Supportive Services program (557-5251) to provide assistance so that people with AIDS may remain in their homes (those with their own caretakers may receive reimbursent); other programs offered include: General Assistance (call 558-1095 to avoid waiting in lines), AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children (557-5721), MediCal (863-9892 or 557-5676 if a home visit is needed) & Homeless (557-6201) programs. Adult Protective Services program (557-5230) offers aid to victims of abuse. The HIV Family Services program (557-5403) offers assistance to AFDC families affected by HIV. The Fragile Infant Care Program (557-5157) finds foster parents for infants with HIV infection or AIDS, and recruits foster parents for this program.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides support to the Latino community thru education, emotional & practical support; case management, client advocacy, counseling, support groups, social activities y mucho amor. All services bilingual, confidential & free. Bimonthly newsletter, "Impacto." 347 Dolores St #113, SF. Volunteers needed. Info: 255-2732.

Nutrition & HIV: Free, objective info. Send self, addressed, 52 cent stamped, 9"×5" envelope to Gustavo Wong, RD, POB 5681, Berkeley 94705-0681. Info: (510) 547-7893.

discussion group/class in SF. Led by a registered dietician. For info/location call (510) 547-7893.

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr offers affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies, plus several methods of massage, for people living with HIV. Staff includes Western medical doctor & team of experienced HIV-certified acupuncturists & massage therapists. Hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6 pm, Sat 9 am-3 pm. 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Info: 861-4964.

Japanese American AIDS Project: Nihongo o hanasu nihonjin gay to lesbian no tame no AIDS ni kansuru soupan. Nihongo de dou 20 Japanese Community Youth Council, 1840 Sutter St, Ste 207, SF. Info: 563-0553.

Bayview-Hunter's Point Foundation offers free acupuncture & herbal treatment to people of color with HIV. Mon-Fri, 12:30-2:45 pm. 1625 Carroll St at 3rd, SF. Info: 822-8200.

ARC/AIDS Vigil: See Political.

HIV +/AIDS Support Group in Oakland: Informal, safe space to address concerns, share info. For anyone in any stage of HIV infection. Meets Mon eves at 6 pm. Info: Gai (510) 531-2448.

HIV + Lesbian Support Group meets Mon 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women & their HIV + Women Partners Couples Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. Free. WA.

Lesbian/Bisexual Women Partners of HIV + Women Support Group meets alternating Thurs, 6-8 pm. Info: Lyon Martin Women's Health Services 565-7683. WA. Free.

HIV + African American Women's Support Group spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services. Call 565-7683 for details. WA. Free.

Women's AIDS Network provides info, referrals & advocacy for women affected by HIV/AIDS and women service providers. Programs/services include speaker's bureau, educational resources developoent, special events & developing strategies for focusing HIV services & education toward women. Small emergency grants available to women with HIV/AIDS. Mtg held every first Tues of the month in SF. For details call voicemail 864-4376 ext 2007.

UCSF Positive Education Project conducts continuing education groups to help HIV positive gay men cope with the stress of living with HIV disease. If you T-cell count is btwn 200-500 call 597-9141.

AIDS Info BBS: Computerized info about treatments, studies, contacts, assistance & more. Periodical newsletters, newspaper articles & comments by and for PWA. 8-N-1, 24 hrs. 2400/1200 baud. Free since 7/25/85. Use modem to call (415) 626-1246.

Tai Chi Workout: Free to people with HIV. One hour of slow, therapeutic exercises based on the Chinese Tai Chi Chuan and Chi Kung forms. Relaxing, stress-reducing & invigorating. Supportive, no-push atmosphere. Meets Mon & Wed, 5:30-6:30 pm, 50 Oak St nr Van Ness & Market, SF. Info: Emilio 255-0265.

St Mary's Hospital & Med Center offers: HIV & AIDS support group for gay & bisexual men living with HIV disease; Tues 5:30-7 pm, free; led by two facilitators. Group discussion focuses on the emotional aspects of living with HIV disease and/or having AIDS; 3-month commitment required, call Korey Wong 750-4923 for interview/info. Support Groups for people who have lost a loved one to AIDS—eight-wk groups are open to everyone, call 750-5718 for info/reg.

Visual Aid: Artists for AIDS Relief provides vouchers for art supplies to professional artists with life-threatening illnesses. Vouchers are redeemable at participating Bay Area art & photo stores. Applicants must have a letter of diagnosis of AIDS or other life-threatening illnesses. Info: 391-9663.

The Respite Care Program of Visiting Nurses & Hospice of SF (VNH) offers up to 250 hours of respite care services so that family caregivers may have a break from caregiving responsibilities. The program is supported by CARE Act ("Ryan White") funding, and there is no charge to clients who meet the eligibility criteria. Info: 861-6959 ext 554.

Hospice by the Bay is a certified provider of home health care & hospice services for persons with HIV/AIDS and other life-threatening illnesses. People may receive these services in their homes or in a skilled nursing facility. Those eligible for services are also provided with practical/emotional support volunteers & support groups. Call 673-2020 for more information.

► ADDICTION RECOVERY

Iris Project (division of the Women's Institute for Mental Health) provides help for women wanting to achieve & maintain sobriety; and is one of the few agencies providing services specifically for lesbians. Groups include: early, middle & ongoing recovery; women of color; HIV + lesbians; lesbian relationships in later recovery; & an education group. Individual counseling provided. For info/intake appt call 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF. Ste 222.

Women's Alcoholism Ctr provides residential, outpatient & educational services for women, children & families. 2261 Bryant St, SF. Info: 282-8900.

Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), alternative support group for recovering alcoholics & addicts. SOS appeals especially to persons who may be uncomfortable with the "Higher-Power" concepts of more traditional religious or 12-Step groups. Info: SF—255-1622, EB—534-8638). No Calif—332-1418.

AJIRA (Addicted Jews in Recovery Anonymous). Wkly mtgs for AA, NA & OA members at SF Jewish Community Ctr, 3200 California St, SF. For times & other info: Claire Silver 346-6040 ext 240.

Pagan Womyn's Group for Recovery: For womyn recovering from addictions, abuse & patriarchy. Earth-centered spiritual perspective. Sat 1-2:30 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2717 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: Maggie (510) 874-4987.

Lesbians in Recovery meet once a month for fun & mutual support, call 664-1295 for info/location.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: see Incest & Battery.

Self-Mutilators Anonyous (SMA) of SF: Meets 1st & 3rd Sat of each month, 6:30-7:30 pm in the Castro, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. This is a closed meeting, please call (707 528-9216 for more info. SMA is a recovery program based on the 12 Steps.

Self-Mutilators Anonymous (SMA) Sonoma County: 2nd & 4th Tues, 7:30-8:30pm in Petaluma. This is a closed meeting. Please call (707) 528-9216 for info.

For More Listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under the **"Recovery/Addiction Therapy/Support Groups"** heading.

► ARCHIVES

The Gay & Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California collects, preserves & disseminates materials related to local gay & lesbian experience. Also sponsors public programs & wkshops on lesbian/gay history. Info: 626-0980, or write GLHSNC, PO Box 424280, SF, 94142. Hrs: Sat & Sun 2-5 pm, or by appt. You must call ahead before coming to Archives.

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Lesbian & Gay Books & Magazines available at the Eureka Valley Harvey Milk Memorial Branch Library, 3555 16th St, SF. 3-wk loan. Hrs: Mon, Thurs, Fri 1-6 pm; Tues 10 am-6 pm; Wed 1-9 pm. Donations of lesbian & gay material, bequests or checks payable to the Gay & Lesbian Collection (SFPLGLC) are very welcome (and tax deductible). Info: 554-9445.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr Library. Research & lending library contains books, periodicals and clipping files about cancer and women's health issues. Library will mail out info & answers questions over the phone. Hrs: Tues 2-5 pm, Wed 4-7 pm, Sat noon-4 pm. Info: (510) 548-9272. 3023 Shattuck Ave at Emerson, Berkeley.

DAIR (Documentation of AIDS Issues & Research) maintins a categorized collection of over 150,000 clippings from magazines, newspapers & other sources on AIDS & related subjects, from the 1970s to the present. Hrs: 11:30 am]4 pm Sat, and by appt. Info: 673-0862. Mailing address: 2336 Market St #33, SF 94114.

► BISEXUAL GROUPS

Bay Area Bisexual Network: umbrella organization for bisexual groups, resources & people. Open to everyone, whether or not they consider themselves bisexuals. Info: 564-BABN.

North American Multicultural Bisexual Network (NABN) acts as a clearinghouse for resources, AIDS info & political alerts. Focus on visibility, education, pride. For info contact NABN, 584 Castro St. #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.

Bisexual Women's Rap at Pacific Center. A safe place for Bi women. Drop-in group for women interested in bisexuality. ASL interpretation available by prior arrangement. Wheelchair Accessible. Wed 8-9:45 pm at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group. Social/support group for bisexual women. Lesbian women welcome. Info: 922-1021.

Bi Women's Support Group: Meet other bi women, talk & share experiences in an informal setting. Group meets 7-9 pm on the 1st, 2nd & 3rd Wed of each month, and 1-3 pm on the last Sun. Info/location: Valerie 641-1308.

Bisexual Men of Color Group: Support group for bisexual men of color meets last Sun at 6:30 pm. For info/location call (510) 465-9671.

Bisexual Rap Group: Drop-in group for men & women interested in bisexuality. Warm, friendly people. Meets Sun 7-8:550 pm at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-8283.

BFSF (BiFriendly-SF): social group open to bisexuals & bifriendly others. BFSF meets 7 pm Mon at Village Deli, 495 Castro St. SF for dinner & conversation with other bisexuals & friends. For confirmation, other activities/calendar: 648-6332.

Bi-Friendly UC: Rap & social group for all members of the UC Berkeley/UCSF community. Meets Wed, 6:30-8:30 pm. Location/info: (510) 642-6942. Spons by MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance). Wheelchair Accessible.

Bi-Friendly Eastbay: Call Betsy (510) 845-7441 for mtg location, time & other info.

Bi-Friendly South Bay (BFSB) bisexual social group for men, women & bifriendly others in the South Bay/Peninsula area. Meets 2nd & 4th Mon of each month at Vicolo Pizzeria, 473 University Ave in Palo Alto at 7:30 pm. For info call 856-6901.

Side by Side peer support group for bisexual men & women in Sonoma County, meets every Wed in a safe, confidential & friendly environment. 7-7:30 social, followed by mtg till 9:30, with short social time after mtg. Focus on any issues brought up by those present, especially bisexual issues. New members welcome! Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Bi-Friendly Sonoma County: bisexual social/support group for men, women & bifriendly others in Sonoma/North Bay. Info: Colin (707) 823-2990.

Women's Bisexual Network of Santa Cruz & Greater Monterey Bay Area. Support & discussion group welcomes any bisexual, questioning or bi-friendly woman. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 7-9 pm, followed by social at a local cafe. New participants are asked to attend the 2nd Thurs meeting. $3-5 donation requested. Quarterly network listings available, send SASE to BiNet, PO Box 934, Santa Cruz, 95061-0934. For location/info call (408) 427-4556.

Goddess-Oriented Bisexual Women's Social Group meets monthly. Info: 979-4023.

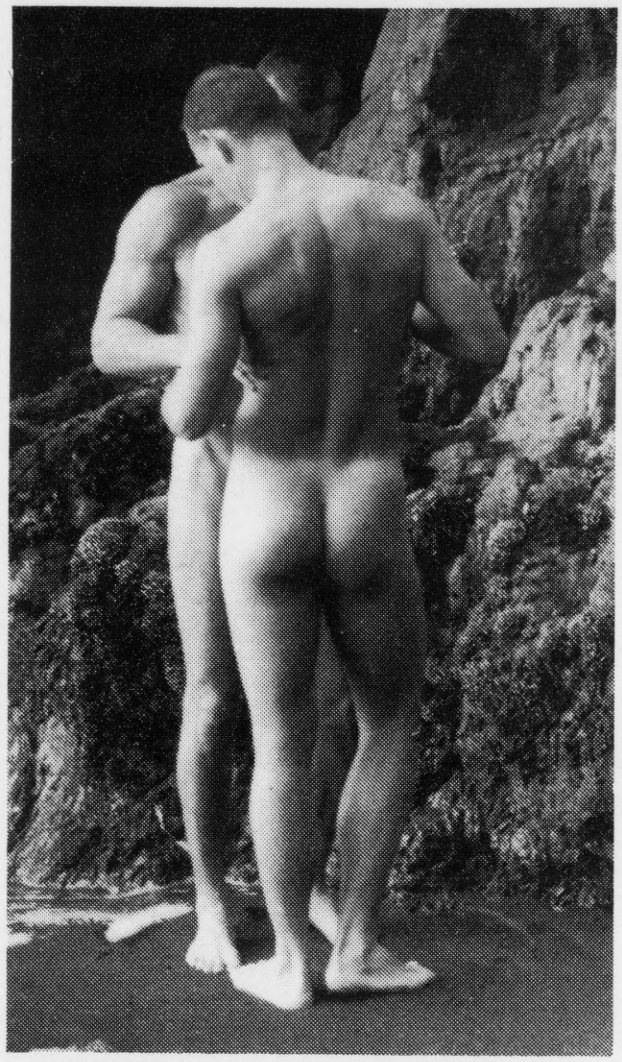
Co-gender Bisexual Social Group for bisexual youth, spons by YRIC. See Youth.

Bisexual Group meets every Wed eve, 7-9 pm in SF. Couples 30+ especially welcome. Info/location: 441-1866.

Be sure to check the "social groups," "support groups" and "political" sections for related groups.

► CALL FOR ENTRIES

Gay/Lesbian Veterans of the Vietnam/Gulf War Eras: The Nation magazine seeks accounts of your experiences working/living alongside straights and/or other gays in the military, for a special edition to be devoted to gays & lesbians in America, one section of which will feature essays from those who have served/are serving in the armed forces. Send short accounts (1200 words max, 2-3 typed pages) describing what the atmosphere is like for gays/lesbians in combat, on routine duty or in the barracks. If sexual activity was an option for you while in the service, feel free to write about it. Send entries SASE to Mark Marton, The Nation, PO Box 423475, SF 94142. For details call Mark 621-4274.



New photographs by Stephen Savage at Josie's Cabaret, June 1-30. Galleries has details. Photo by Stephen Savage

Lesbians in the Military Anthology: Submissions sought for *War Stories: Lesbian Experiences in the Military*, an anthology edited by Jody Hoenninger. Lesbians who have served in the military are invited to share their stories; submit art, photos, love letters, etc that pertain to their military experience. If you were discharged for being lesbian, served from a khaki closet, or found someplace in-between, please write. All accounts of all aspects of lesbian life in the military are welcome. Confidentiality guaranteed, you may use a pen name, but please include real name in cover letter. Send SASE or iniquiries to Judy Hoenninger, PO Box 94091, Pasadena CA 91109. Deadline: August 1.

The Evidence of Being: Call for Interviews for nationwide oral history project consisting of a series of audio interviews & photographs which will be compiled into a book entitled *The Evidence of Being*, about Black gay lifestyles in the early part of the 20th century. Editors Essex Hemphill, cultural activist/editor (*Brother to Brother: New Writings by Black Gay Men*) and Ron Simmons, PhD, writer, photographer & media producer seek Black gay men 60 years of age or older to interview. Some questions: How did Black homosexual men negotiate their roles as sons, brothers, uncles & fathers? How did they relate to the larger Black community? Did religion & the church influence their lives? Was there recognition of homosexuality? Name-calling? Respect? Did the word "gay" have any meaning then? These and other questions will be asked in an effort to trace the evolving construction of Black homosexual/gay identity. If you are willing to share your stories/memories please respond in writing to: Essex Hemphill, The Evidence of Being, 401 Wilshire Blvd, Ste 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401-1455 or Ron Simmons, The Evidence of Being, PO Box 48100, Washington, DC, 20002.

SexArt 3: Mark I Chester seeks artwork on sex, sexuality & eroticism for his annual Folsom St Fair Show. Open to all media with a special interest in black & white photography. Deadline: 7/15. For appt, leave message at 544-1136; for a prospectus, send SASE to POB 422501, SF 94142.

I Never Said Goodbye to Nat: Submissions of poetry, letters, prose, etc., written to or for those who have died of AIDS, or are HIV-positive; for a book to be published called *I Never Said Goodbye to Nat*. Profits will benefit AIDS organizations. For more info or to send submissions (SASE): Mary R Sanders, The Nat Foundation, PO Box 308, Briarcliff NY 10510.

Female Artists & Craftswomen are welcome to participate in the 1993 "Celebration of Craftswomen," the largest juried women's crafts fair in the United States, spons by the SF Women's Building and taking place at Ft Mason Center, SF, in December. Application deadline: 6/12. For more info call the Celebration hotline 361-0700 or send SASE to Celebration of Craftswomen, SF Women's Centers, 3543 18th St #8, SF 94110.

We're Not Who You Think We Are: Submissions sought for an anthology on "the silent majority of gays, lesbians & bisexuals." Narratives may include the obvious (Native Americans, hearing impaired, etc) or not-so-obvious (closeted priest or politician, biracial couple suffering discrimination from other gays, lesbian who opposes abortion). The goal of the anthology is to show how varied our community is. Strong opinions encouraged. For more info contact Stephen Kyle, PO Box 2745, Quincy, MA 02269. Manuscripts are to be typed, double-spaced. Length: up to 6000 words. Send SASE. Deadline: 6/93.

► FUN & GAMES

UC Botanical Gardens: University of California-Berkeley Botanical Gardens feature 33 acres of native & exotic plants in educational & naturalized displays. Open daily, 9 am-4:45 pm. Free admission, free garden tours weekends at 1 pm. Centennial Drive above the UC Berkeley campus. Info: (510) 642-3343.

Game Night! 6-10 pm every Sat night at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Drop-in, free. Play cards, scrabble, boggle, trivial pursuit, pictionary, or any game you bring. Come meet friendly folks, have some fun! Info: (510) 548-8283.

Women's Night at the Elephant Walk: Every Mon night! Piano bar 8-11 pm. Corner of 18th & Castro, SF.

► HEALTH

Quan Yin Healing Arts Ctr: Nonprofit clinic provides affordable acupuncture & Chinese herbal therapies; treatment for people living with HIV, chronic hepatitis, PMS, & other gynecological imbalances. Also offers Stop Smoking Clinic. Office hrs: Tues-Fri, 1-6:30 pm; Sat 9 am-3 pm. Info: 861-4964.

American College of Traditional Chinese Medicine: professional teaching clinic offers Chinese herbal medicine, acupuncture, tui-na (Chinese physio-massage) & Chinese nutritional counseling. SL fee. MediCal accepted. 450 Connecticut St at 20th (on Potrero Hill), SF. Info: 282-9603.

Lyon-Martin Women's Health Sensitive primary health care for women by women, with emphasis on the health care needs of lesbians. Services include: gen'l medical care, gynecology, acupuncture, lesbian parenting, AIDS counseling & safe sex info (safe sex kits for women available). WA. SL. 1748 Market St nr Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info/appt: 565-7667.

Lesbian Clinic of the Berkeley Women's Health Collective provides personal, affordable health care by lesbian practitioners. Gen'l medicine & chiropratic care to evaluate health needs. Gynecological, gen'l medical & mental health services available. Also feminist therapy referrals. Call for appt: 843-6194. WA.

Charlotte Maxwell Complementary Clinic offers free acupuncture, herbs, homeopathy, massage & visualization to low-income women with cancer. Volunteers welcome. Info: (510) 601-7660.

Women's Cancer Resource Ctr info, support, resource & advocacy ctr for Bay Area women with cancer, their friends, families & practitioners. Provides individual peer counseling & drop-in support groups, newsletter, educational programs, legal wkshops & more. For information on groups & programs offered call 548-9272 or 548-WCRC. 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley.

Environmental Health Network provides fre support, info, referrals & advocacy for people with multiple chemical sensitivities. Mtgs held 1st Thurs of each month. Info: 541-5075.

Gay Men's STD/VD Clinic: testing & treatment by & for gay men, free, every Sun 5:30-7 pm. HIV Antibody anonymous testing for women & men 12 or older, every Sun, 6-7 pm. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 644-0425 (non-voice TDD 548-8238 for disabled).

Berkeley Free Clinic offers free gen'l health, dental, counseling & information services, plus referrals. Also has women's health clinic by & for women. 2339 Durant Ave at Dana, Berkeley. Wheelchair Accessible. Info: 548-2570 (non-voice TDD 548-8238).

Planetree Health Resource Ctr: nonprofit ctr provides a place to go when you need more info about health or medical concerns. Get up-to-date medical info to assist you in making informed choices about your health. Ctr maintains extensive consumer health library, current medical lit clippings & health bookstore. Also support groups, health information service by mail, and more. 2040 Webster St, SF. Info: 923-3680.

Native American Health Ctr: 56 Julian Ave, SF; 3123 East 14th St, Oakland. Offers a range of physical and mental health care services to the community. SF Info: Administration, 621-8054; Dental, 621-8056; Medical/Perinatal, 621-8051; WIC, 621-7574. Eastbay Info: Administration, 261-0524; Dental 436-0455; Medical/Perinatal, 261-1962; WIC, 436-6837; Family & Child

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Guidance Clinic, 532-2933; Youth Empowerment, 261-8943.

Ayurveda Health & Education Resources of SF. Nonprofit center offers restorative & adjuctive approaches to health care by reducing imbalances caused by stress, environment or disease. Info: 255-1928.

of **The Healing Circle**. Begun as an HIV support group, the group has evolved into a space of healing & growth for all men & women. Meets every Thurs at 50 Brady St, SF. 8 pm. Info: David 241-9480.

Haight Ashbury Free Clinic Acupuncture Clinic provides acupuncture & Chinese herbal medicine as primary medical care, and for substance abuse recovery & detox. 60 Brady St, SF. Hrs: Mon-Thurs, 9 am-noon. Info: 863-1677.

Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents in a sensitive, caring environment. For info/appt call 476-4883.

► HOBBIES

Hortiphiles: a group for lesbians & gay men who enjoy growing plants. For info write PO Box 31, Palo Alto, 94301 or call 851-1022.

Phoebe Snow Society: int'l organization of gay rail fans. Gay men interested in trains, railroading & travel are welcome to join. Info: (510) 352-0301.

Gay Men's Sketch: informal drawing group for gay men. Provides classical nude modeling by gay male model. Open to all skill levels. 2 min gestures to 40-min drawing. Info/schedule: Mark 621-6294.

Dark Shadows Society: Monthly social gathering for fans & friends; celebrate the lives, times & deaths of Barnabas, Angelique & the rest of the Collins clan. Potluck, videos, fun. 8 pm. Call Neil 255-7672 for info/location.

Bondage Buddies Group: Bi-weekly parties of play & socializing for gay men into bondage, harddicks & fun s/m. Open to top/bottom and experienced/novices. Info: 292-3228.

SF Single Lesbian Dogophiles meet 1st & 3rd Sun of each month for friendly, easy dog walks at Ft Funston. Bring your dog, borrow a dog or just come to meet other single dog lovers. Rain cancels. Info: Mary Lee 282-4278 or Elaine 648-2299.

Lavendar Winds Kite Club: Group for gay/lesbian kitefliers, and those with an interest in kites. Lavendar Winds Kite Club is a chapter of the American Kitefliers Association. For more info write Brian, PO Box 5118, #464, Fremont 94537 or call (510) 797-6997.

Dreamers & Dreamworkers Group for those interested in searching the creative power of dreams. Group of loyal friends meets regularly to share our dreams & help each other discuss the meaning of inner thoughts. Info: 584-1034.

► HOTLINES AND REFERRALS

SF Sex Information Switchboard: Mon-Fri, 3-9 pm, Sun 2-8 pm. Info and referrals on all aspects of sexuality, for all ages & life-styles. 621-7300.

SF Gender Information: Nonprofit service provides referrals & networking to transsexual & other members of the gender community in the SF/Bay Area & northern Calif. For listings ($3 fee) & other inquiries send SASE to: SFGI, PO Box 423602, SF CA 94142.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: Liz at WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

San Mateo Battered Women's Services offers a 24-hr hotline, individual counseling, support groups, legal assistance & shelter. Call 342-0850.

Battered Women's Alternatives: Eastbay resource for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Call (510) 676-2845.

Call CUAV (Community United Against Violence) to report harassment, hate violence, intimidation by neighbors or workmates. Counseling, advocacy, info & referrals offered. 24-hr hotline: 333-4357.

Gay Domestic Violence: info, peer counseling for gay & bisexual men who batter. Referrals for victims of battering. Spons by MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence). Info: 626-MOVE.

Battered Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders: 24-hr hotline, in-person counseling, restraining orders, support groups. Call CUAV 333-4357 (crisis) or 777-5500 (non-emergencey). Confidential.

Bay Area Lesbian/Gay Switchboard trained volunteers at Pacfic Ctr listen to your concerns. Also Bay Area & nationwide info—from sports, entertainment, rap groups, counseling. AIDS info. Services provided for the hearing impaired. Call (510) 841-6224.

Epicenter Switchboard: Free, nonprofit information & refferal service offered by Epicenter Zone. The switchboard provides social services information for SF and the Bay Area—healthcare; housing; youth services; legal aid; disabled needs; activists groups; employment; women's needs; lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender services; crisis lines; parenting help; and much more. Hrs: Mon-Sat, noon-6 pm. Call 431-4600.

SF Rape Treatment Center: 24-hr hotline—206-3222. Call for crisis intervention, medical treatment, in-person counseling and optional legal evidence collection for adult survivors of sexual assault. SFRTC is a multicultural organization supportive of lesbian, gay, biseuxal and transgender people. All services are free and confidential.

Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa & Marin: 24hr crisis line for sexual assault & abuse survivors. Call (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

SF AIDS Foundation Hotline (Spanish/English) info & referral to SF & No. Calif (800) FOR-AIDS. TDD 864-6606. Tagalog AIDS Hotline: 1-(800) FIL-AIDS (voice/TDD). Hrs: 9 am-9 pm Mon-Fri, 11 am-5 pm Sat & Sun.

AIDS Legal Referral Panel: see AIDS Resources for details. Info: 291-5454.

Poison Control Central: 24 hr service. Over-the-phone help w/ poison emergencies. Call 476-6600.

SF Drug Line: support, info, referrals on drug problems/treatment. Call 752-3400.

Discriminated Against because of your sexual orientation? Contact SF Human Rights Commission, Lesbian/Gay Liaison Unit. There are local laws to protect you. Info: 252-2500.

Renters: Learn Your Rights! Old St. Mary's Housing Committee offers counseling & special clinics on various housing issues, including evictions, leases, etc. For info/appt: 398-0724.

SF Tenants Union: provides free walk-in or telephone counseling for members, walk-in only counseling for non-

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Sentinel Fair Housing: nonprofit agency investigates complaints of housing discrimination & provides comprehensive housing counseling to residents of Northern Alameda County (also referrals for out-of-area persons). If you think you have been discriminated against, call (510) 836-2687 for help/info/referral.

ECHO Housing, a nonprofit housing agency in Alameda County, offers services to Alameda County residents including deposit & delinquent rent guarantees. (In northern Alameda County call the Rental Assistance Program (RAP) at (510) 836-4826, in southern Alameda County call RAP at (510) 581-9380). Echo also offers a county-wide homeseeking program, call (510) 581-9380 for details.

Senior Information Line: events & services available to seniors in SF, spons by SF Commission on Aging. Newsline: 552-6016. Anyone wishing to add an event should call 626-1033.

Eldercare Locator: Provides access to an extensive netowrk of organization sreving older people at state & local community levels. Call (800) 677-1116. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc of Area Agencies on Aging.

Neighbors Driving You Crazy? Community Boards can help—CB is a free, fast & effective dispute resolution service for SF residents with problems: renter/owner disputes, noise, pets, money disputes, family or housemate problems, etc. Call 239-6100 & get relief.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help developing a mutually-created & agreed upon solution to interpersonal, tenant/landlord, inter-and intra-group/agency and other disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Call 552-4135. 3543 18th St, Box 28, SF 94110.

Bay Area Bisexual Speakers Bureau addresses all topics related to bisexuals. Speakers available. Call 564-2226.

SF Women Against Rape provides individual & group counseling for rape survivors; also does advocacy & educational work. Info: 647-RAPE. 3543 18th St, SF 94110.

Feminist Therapy Referral Project has provided psychotherapy referrals to Eastbay women therapists since 1971. SL fees & insurance are available, for info/appt, call (510) 843-2949.

California Youth Crisis Line provides the following services to young people who have run away from home, & to their parents: crisis intervention counseling, referrals to resource agencies & a neutral message center. For help call 800-843-5200.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter provides shelter to homeless kids in SF (see Youth). 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Free. Info: 567-1020.

Calif Lawyers for the Arts (CLA): nonprofit offers legal info & education to artists. Info: 775-7200.

The Calif Network of Self-Help Centers, spons by the Calif Dept of Mental Health, offers referrals to more than 3,500 free or low-cost support groups statewide (Alcoholics Anonymous, Co-dependents Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, etc). For info call 1-(800) 222-LINK.

Breaking Walls, Building Bridges: Diablo Valley Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) BBS outreach service available. Forums, news, views, confidential mail. (510) 827-0804, 3/12/2400, 24 hrs. Sysop Deacon DVMCC.

AIDS/HIV Nightline: Emotional support, gen'l info: 9 pm-5 am weekdays, 5 pm-5 am wkends. Call 668-2437 (English), 752-4866 (Spanish).

SF Suicide Prevention Crisis Line: 24 hrs, every day: 221-1423.

SF Youth Line: 752-2000

SF Drug Line: 752-3400.

Dial—A-Dyke. Free telephone bulletin board for women. Call (415) 241-1564 24 hrs a day.

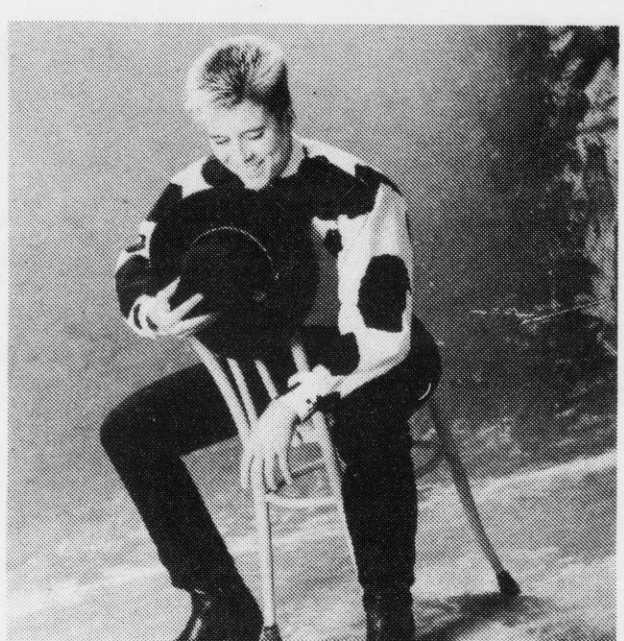
La Raza Lawyer Referral Service (LRLS): Get consultation with an attorney experienced in the area of law you need. Info: 641-1069.

► INCEST AND BATTERY

Survivors of Incest, Anonymous: 12-step, self-help group meets Thurs, 6:00-7:45 pm at the Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph at Derby, Berkeley.

Ritual Abuse Survivors (RAS) Group. Group for women & men. Open discussion of all aspects of RA experience. Sat at 1 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: Jennie 648-0347.

Ritual Abuse Survivors Support Group for women who practice some form of Buddhist meditation as part of healing from RA. Meet monthly to sit, write, share. No writing experience necessary. Free. Info: (510) 534-9928.



Country/Western Dance for women with Danna E. on June 5 & 19. See Calendar for details. Photo by Irene Young

Sexual Assault & Abuse Survivors offered individual therapy, support groups, legal advocacy & crisis line thru Rape Crisis Center of Contra Costa and Marin. Info: (510) 236-7273, (510) 798-7273, (510) 439-7273 or (415) 924-2100.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Support group for partners of incest survivors, ritual abuse survivors, and multiple personalities. Tues, 8-9:30 pm, free. Mandana House, 541 Mandana, Oakl. Info: (510) 839-8844.

Gay & Bisexual Men Who Batter: Are you feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love the most? MOVE (Men Overcoming Violence) provides assistance & support for change in a safe, confidential place. Info: 626-MOVE.

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous-SF: 12-step fellowship for batterers, based on the principles of AA. Women-only mtg. Thurs 6:30-7:30 pm, Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF, 150 Eureka St, SF.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by their male partners. For info, call CUAV 777-5500. Confidential.

Support Group for Lesbians who are or have been in a battering relationship; SL. Info: Women Inc.: 864-4722.

Battered Women's Alternatives: An Eastbay resource offering services for lesbians experiencing emotional or physical abuse. Support group, shelter, counseling, legal advocacy. Info: (510) 676-2845.

Formerly Battered Women: Support group for women who have experienced domestic violence, and are now living independently. No fee, childcare available. Call Nancy at 863-3315 or 255-2754.

Battered Lesbian Outreach: offered by Sonoma County YWCA Women's Emergency Shelter Program. Info: (707) 546-1234. Call—you are not the only one.

Battered Lesbian 24-hr hot-line, individual counseling, support grps & legal advocacy clinics. Info: WOMAN Inc. 864-4722.

La Casa de las Madres provides shelter for battered women & their children. Info: 777-1808.

Rosalie House's offers Women's Jobs Program offers vocational services to battered women & formerly battered women. Counseling, referrals, resume writing & job placement. Free. Call Alma 863-2160 for info.

For more listings under this category, see the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under **"Incest/Battery Therapy/Support Groups".**

► PARENTING & FAMILY RESOURCES

Pursuing Fertility: Support group for women who have made 10 or more insemination attempts. Group explores the emotions & complications associated with trying to get pregnant. Info: Marsha (510) 835-8919.

Prospective Queer Parents Group for lesbians & gay men seeking co-parenting or known donor situations. Call Leland (510) 841-4663 for more information.

Black Female Couples With Children Group meets for support, socializing & fun. Eastbay & SF locations. Single moms are welcome! Info: Erika or Elisha (510) 293-0711.

Lesbian Moms of Young Children/Babies: Interested in networking in the Eastbay. Come to potluck/brunch—call 540-7171 for details.

Lesbians with Babies Group meets in SF. For info/location: Paula 206-1170.

Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Single Parents: Meet to schmoooz, give mutual support. Info: Michele 826-9215.

Adoption Support Groups for adult adoptees, birth parents & adoptive parents. Info: Post-Adoption Ctr for Education & Research (510) 935-6622.

Chain of Life: feminist adoption reform newsletter, supports open records & search & reunification of adoptees & birth families; critiques traditional adoption practices. Edited by adoptee. For backlist/info send SASE to Chain of Life, PO Box 8081, Berkeley, CA 94707.

NOCIRC (Nat'l Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Ctrs) offers education, information & support about circumcision. Learn why circumcision is physically & emotionally damaging to children. Info: 488-9883.

GLADRS (Gay & Lesbian Alternative Dispute Resolution Service) offers free, confidential panel mediation services. Get help finding a mutually created and agreed upon solution to custody, property & other family disputes from trained lesbian, gay & bisexual mediators. Info: 552-4135. 3543 18th St, SF, Box 28, SF 94110.

Lesbian & Gay Parenting Program offered by Lyon Martin Clinic. Offers ongoing seminars, wkshops, small groups & forums for lesbians & gays thinking about parenting, and for lesbian & gay families; including 8-wk "Lesbians Considering Parenthood," and "Gay Men Considering Parenthood." Call Lyon-Martin 565-7674 for info.

The Rainbow Clinic at UCSF provides pediatric care for children of gay & lesbian parents, see Health.

Support Group for Non-Biological, non-legal, "other" mothers whose parental rights are not being honored by the biological mother; or who feel in danger of not being allowed to see their children. Eastbay location. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311.

Be sure to check the *SF Bay Times* classifieds section, "Open Exchange", under "Parenting" and the Parents & Kidsbox for other parenting services/info.

► PEOPLE OF COLOR

Black & White Men Together Rap/Socials, every Sat at 1350 Waller St nr Masonic, SF. Rap 6:30-9 pm. For info/mtg topic: 826-BWMT. Peter Eggenberger, facilitator; Calvin Lowery, greeter.

Bisexual People of Color Caucus: resource, support, political action, social group. Info: Lani 821-3534.

Lesbians of Color/Third World Lesbian Support Group meets Thursdays, 6:30-8pm; $3 donation (no one turned away for lack of funds); Pacific Ctr, Telegraph & Derby, Berk. Info: Camille Barber; (510) 548-8283.

Bisexual Women of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Bisexual Men of Color Group—See Bisexual Groups.

Zebra Brigade: Social group for Black and white lesbian couples. SF location. Info: Anita or Lorrie 641-5980 or Naomi 821-9972.

African American lesbians 40+: monthly mtg for social activities, potluck, card & board games, theater outings & sports events. Info: Brenda (510) 465-2573.

African American Lesbians Group: Network of supportive friends. Info: Pam 641-0461.

Ache: Nonprofit community organization for lesbians of African American descent. Produces monthly & annual events; provides community outreach, education & networking; publishes a bimonthly magazine of articles, conference reports, poetry & community events for and about lesbians of African American descent. For more info call 849-2819 or write: Ache, PO Box 6071, Albany, CA 94706.

Black Female Couples With Children Support Group: See Parenting.

Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group meets every 4th Sun, 10 am-noon, free. A support group for Asian lesbians 35 yrs & over. Info: (510) 482-0787 or (415) 255-7560.

Third World People with AIDS/ARC group spons by AIDS Project of the Eastbay. See AIDS Resources.

Asian/Pacific HIV-Positive Gay Men's support group offered by GAPA (Gay Asian Pacific Alliance), see AIDS Resources.

AIDS/HIV Info Group for Asian & Pacific Islander Men. Drop-in, free. See AIDS Resources for details. Spons by GAPA.

Gay Asian Rap Group in SF, spons by Gay Asian Pacific Alliance. Meets every other Wed. 7-9 pm. Info: 282-GAPA.

Trikone: Support group for gay & lesbian South Asians (people of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan & Nepali descent). Meets 1st Sun of each month at 6 pm in San Jose. For more info write PO Box 21354, San Jose 95151-1354 or call (408) 270-8776.

CASA: Community Alternative Social Assoc. A multiracial social & community service organization for gay latinos & friends. Mtgs held every 2nd Sat of each month at Dolores Street Community Center, 208 Dolores St, SF, 5-7 pm. All are welcome! Call 552-6433 for more info.

CURAS (Community United in Response to AIDS/SIDA) provides services to the Latino community, see AIDS Resources.

GELAAM: Gente Latina de Ambiente. A Latino/Latina lesbian, gay & bisexual organization that promotes the improvement of our community at a political, cultural, social & educational level. Gen'l mtgs every 4th Sat of every month. Newsletter & various activities. For more info write to GELAAM, 2261 Market St, PO Box 300, SF 94114 or call 267-4892.

AGUILAS (Asamblea Gay Unida Impactando Latinos/as Superase). Group committed to advocating & developing activities in our community which encourage positive self identities, healthy relationships & leadership skills. Mtgs/potlucks held 1st Sat of each month. Call Juan 648-3702 for info/location.

Asian Pacific Sisters (APS): an organization by and for Asian and/or Pacific Islander women who are lesbians or bisexuals. APS seeks each woman's own unique experience, whether of Pacific Islander, East Asian, Southeast Asian, South Asian, or mixed heritage. American-born or immigrant, multilingual or monolingual, physically challenged or able, all are welcome! Call Young (510) 465-7394, for more information.

Asian Pacifica Lesbian Network (APLN): Nat'l network for lesbians & bisexual women of Asian/Pacific Islander descent. Monthly mtgs in SF or Oakland. For times, dates & other info call (415) 928-8885 or (510) 482-0787.

Asian & Pacific Islander Gay/Bi Men's Support Group: meets Tues 6:30-8 pm at Pacific Ctr. Gay Asian men of all ages are welcome. Info/res: (510) 841-6224. 2712 Telegraph Ave at Derby, Berkeley.

Vietnamese Gay Men's Group: Share feelings, exchange information, give support. Monthly newsletter in English & Vietnamese. All Asians welcome. For details contact Brian Dang, 2200 Market St #95, SF 94114.

Japanese American Gay Social (JAGS): Non-political, informal social group for persons of Japanese ancestry. Info: 584-7224.

Black Gay & Bisexual Men's Support Group: Drop-in, Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Gay/Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) group by & for gay men of Asian & Pacific Islander heritages. GAPA seeks to create a positive & visible presence for gay Asian/Pacifics in the SF Bay Area. Gen'l mtgs: every 2nd Sun of the month at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF, 6-8 pm. Also bimonthly newsletter "Lavender Godzilla", write to PO Box 421884, SF CA 94142-1884 to subscribe. Info: GAPA Hotline 282-GAPA.

Support Group for Asian/Pacific Islander gay, lesbian & bisexual young people, 21 & under, spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services' LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) program. Call Donna 565-7681 for info.

Pacific Friends-SF: Non-political organization whose sole purpose is to promote greater cross-cultural understanding & friendship between Asian/Pacific Islanders and other cultures, thru cultural, educational & social activities. Info: Robert 227-0946 or Elliot 564-7199.

Arab Lesbian, Gay & Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For info write ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114 for call (510) 428-0179.

African-American Men dealing with AIDS/ARC/HIV Support Group at SF AIDS Fdn, see AIDS Resources.

The Brothers Network provides emotional support to African American gay and bisexual men who are HIV+. Services include support groups, peer counseling. See AIDS Resources.

African-American Women with Cancer: Support group meets every other Mon 6:30-8 pm at the Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, 3023 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 548-WCRC or (510) 548-9272 for more information.

Lesbians of Color sobriety support group at Iris Project, see Addiction Recovery.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. Info: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont CA 94002.

Artists of Color Open Mike Night at Ohama Cultural Ctr. Every 2nd & 4th Thurs of the month. 7 pm, $5. 4345 Telegraph Ave, Oakl. Info: (510) 658-1868.

Arab Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Network: Social group for Arab-identified lesbian, gay & bisexual people. For details write: ALGBN, PO Box 460526, SF 94114. Call (510) 428-0179 for info/location of next meeting.

Free Mental Health Services for Native Americans, see Therapy Groups for details.

Young Women of Color Group spons by LYRIC. See Youth.

► PERFORMANCE & WRITING GROUPS

Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective welcomes any woman with ideas to share & stories to tell—writing & performing experience not necessary. Info: (510) 848-5966.

VOICES: Bay Area lesbian choral ensemble covers the musical map, performing everything from madrigals and contemporary music to blues & jazz. For more info or to be on mailing list call (510) 486-8984.

Lesbian/Gay Chorus of SF invites you to join in making music & having fun. Ability to read music a plus, but not necessary. Rehearsal times & other info: 861-7067.

Rainbow Singers: Spiritually-centered vocal ensemble of gay/queer men; performs chants, rounds, improvisations for healing, empowering & celebrating. Mostly a capella, but drums, instruments welcome. Experience & music-reading preferred. Call Kristopher 621-4099 for details.

The Society of Gay & Lesbian Composers encourages the composition of music that conveys the attitudes, ideals & uniqueness of gay & lesbian cultures. Group sponsors 3 annual concerts, plus monthly business & social mtgs (usually in SF) where composers can meet & share their music & ideas. For info/location of next mtg call 333-2755. For brochure/membership application or other info write PO Box 14521, SF CA 94114.

Chamber Musicians meet in SF apt Sun afternoons to play string, woodwind, piano combinations. Advanced ability & sightreading preferred. Info: David 931-5839.

GAWK (Gay Artists & Writers Kollective). Join rock musicians, singers, writers, cartoonists, comedians & others for eclectic, upbeat, fun, socializing. Info: Jon Sugar 731-2424 or write (with SASE) 901 Stanyan St #14, SF 94117.

Fat Lip Readers Theatre, political theatre collective of fat, fiesty & diverse women who strut their stuff on stage & video, and in wkshops. Submissions of poetry, prose, stories & analysis with a fat liberation perspective are welcome & respected. Info: PO Box 29963, Oakl 94604; (510) 655-7404.

Novel Writing Group for women who are in the process of writing a novel. Meets in SF twice per month. Info/location: Eliza 759-5898.

Jewish Lesbian Writers Group welcomes Jewish women of all ages, all levels of serious writers. Poor or working class, Sephardic, Mizrachi & Jewish women of color are especially welcome. Mtgs in the Eastbay, every other Mon nights. Occasional public readings & writing retreats. Childcare costs paid. Chem-free space, group strives for accessibility. Please do not wear scented products. Please do write & talk about writing. Info/location: (510) 540-5564 or (510) 465-1294.

Novelists' Wkshop & Support Group: Meets Mon nights in SF. Women & men together. Submit 10 pages for review. Free. Info: Rita 824-9083 or Adrian 626-3129.

Lesbian Womanist/Feminist Writer's Group welcomes committed writers of all genres, and racial & cultural diversity. Weekly mtgs in the Eastbay. Call Suzanne (510) 644-0311 or Marion (510) 208-3241 for details.

Visual Artists Critique Group: Ongoing group mtgs provide consistent & informed feedback to visual artists. All levels of skill, technique & creativity are welcome; politically inspired or socially conscious work is encouraged, but not essential. Info: Claude 821-7931.

Mark I Chester's SEXART Salon: Salon & parties focused on sexuality & creativity. Participants share artwork (your own or someone else's) such as reading, performance & static art that explores sex, sexuality & eroticism. New performers welcome, regardless of experience. Events are open to men & women of all sexualities. Info: 544-1136 (leave message).

Bay Area Raw Rahs: Collegiate-style cheerleading/precision dance group open to men & women who are interested in mastering and performing dance routines, human pyramids, partner lifts & gymnastic stunts. Practices held Tues, 6-8 pm at Jon Sims Center, Mission St, SF. Info: Steve (510) 228-7497 or Michael (415) 863-0533.

SF Fringe Riders: Bay Area's only women's country western performance dance troupe welcomes new members. Info: Wendy (510) 525-5912. For mailing list inclusion call Diane (510) 532-0281.

LIPS (Lesbian Installation Projects). Work on projects with others lesbians artists in a studio space. Ongoing workshops in different media. Info: Pamela (510) 222-4552.

Lesbian Playwrights Group meets Sunday afternoons. For details call (415) 282-4510 (SF) or (510) 436-3324 (Eastbay).

► POLITICAL

Queer Nation: A working activist group which utilizes direct action to oppose & eliminate heterosexism & homophobia. For meeting times, location & info call the Queer Line, 985-7141.

Transgender Nation: A focus group within Queer Nation fighting specifically for transgender rights, within the general struggle for queer rights. Group meets Wed at 7:30 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF.

Queer Scouts is devoted to exposing & eliminating the homophobia, racism, sexism & religious tyranny of the Boy Scouts of America. Info: 985-7141.

Queer Planet: An int'l human rights organization whose purpose is to defend the human & civil rights of sexual minorities & eliminate discrimination against lesbians, gays, bisexuals & transsexuals. Mtgs 2nd & 4th Tues of each month, 7:30-9 pm at New College, 50 Fell St, btwn Van Ness Ave & Polk, SF.

Queers for Cuba works to build solidarity btwn Cuba's struggle to survive as a sovereign socialist nation & our struggles for social justice here in the U.S., including battling homophobia in the Left. Group meets 1st & 3rd Wed of every month, 7 pm at 3382 26th St at Mission, SF. For info call 995-4678 or write 3543 18th St, Box 33, SF 94110.

ACT UP East Bay currently works on insurance discrmination & housing issues. Meets monthly, call (510) 836-4401 for time & place, or write PO Box 8074, Oakl CA 94608.

ACT UP/Golden Gate holds general meetings on Tues 7 pm at 590 Castro St, Ste B, SF (2nd level, call ahead if you need special assistance. Info: 241-8800. FAX 252-9277. Mailing address: 519 Castro St, MS-93, SF 94114.

Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD) works for fair & diverse coverage of lesbians, gays & bisexuals, and fights stereotypical portrayals in the print & electronic media. To report a defamation, call the hotlines: SF (415) 861-4588, EB (510) 273-9146, (SB) (408) 235-0229. Fax (415) 861-4893 or send photocopies or tapes to GLAAD, 514 Castro St, Ste B, SF 94114.

GLAAD East Bay meets 4th Sun of

every month, 7 pm, at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley.
GLAAD South Bay meets 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm, at the Billy DeFrank Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose.
BiPol: bisexual, lesbian & gay political action group of the SF Bay Area. Info: write BiPol, 584 Castro St #422, SF 94114 or call 775-1990.
Lesbian Uprising! A feminist political, educational & cultural group of Bay Area lesbians who envision a return to the radical ideals of the women's liberation movement; recognize the deep connection between the personal & the political, & seek means to embody those connections in concrete ways. Group defends & empowers women by being visible, participating in street demos, etc. Group also meets twice monthly to discuss exciting feminist literature & theory. Interested? Call Gail 441-6238 or write PO Box 423555, SF CA 94142 for free copy of monthly newsletter/calendar.
Gays in the Military: Help lift the ban! Call the Bay Area Military Freedom Project 306-0477.
NGLTF (Nat'l Gay & Lesbian Task Force): Local unit of nat'l lesbian/gay rights organization meets 2nd & 4th Wed of each month at 6:30 pm. Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. Info: (510) 653-2571.
Lavender Greens: Independent gay/lesbian/bi/trans Green group creating ecofeminist community thru mtgs/salons. Meets 3rd Sat every month. Info: Anita (510) 465-4445 or Jim (415) 252-9169.
Stonewall Gay Democratic Club: A demo club for women & men which focuses on Democratic politics as well as AIDS, breast cancer & gay freedom issues. Meets 1st Tues of each month at 7:30 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Mtgs are often panel discussions of current topics of interest to the lesbian, gay & bisexual communities, interspersed with political endorsement meetings. Visitors welcome! Info: Steve Kline, 824-2671 or 255-8673.
Lavender SIG (Special Interest Group): A nat'l political & support network for fat lesbians, bisexuals & gays, and their allies. Part of NAAFA (Nat'l Assoc to Advance Fat Acceptance), a human rights organization. For info send SASE to Lavender SIG, PO Box 210074, SF 94121-0074.
Men Against Circumcision: Nat'l organization for support & activism. Runs Harm Documentation Project and Action Alert Network. For more info write NOHARMM, PO Box 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.
Berkeley Women in Black: Weekly vigil for peace in the Middle East and against the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands. Non-hierarchical, diverse group of women who strive to build a non-patriarchal peace culture based upon the values of caring, equality and democratic empowerment. Meet Fridays from noon-1 pm at the corner of Bancroft Ave & Telegraph Ave in Berkeley, at Sather Gate. If possible, wear black. For more info write PO Box 936, Berkeley 94701 or call (510) 644-0480.

► PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

Golden Gate Business Association (GGBA): comprised of gay & lesbian businesses, professionals, artisans & individuals throughout the Bay Area. Monthly networking events & more. For membership & event info call (415) 441-3651 or (800) 272-0278. Office Hrs: Mon-Fri 11 am-4 pm.
Brava! For Women in the Arts: multicultural organization of women artists who promote excellence among women in the arts thru professional presentation of established women artists, as well as providing services & assistance to emerging women artists. Info: 641-7657.
Federal Lesbians & Gays (FLAG) offers support, advice & activities for Federal employees. Mtg 2nd Wed of each month, 6 pm, SF location. Info: (510) 528-4427.
Pallas Athena Network: Open, supportive network for women veterans. Share issues, experiences & thoughts with other women who share the bond of military service. All women vets welcome, regardless of sexual orientation. Group publishes newsletter, with discreet lesbian supplement. No govt or political affiliation; mailing list confidential. Contact: Pallas Athena Network, PO Box 1171-T, New Market, VA 22844.
G/LOV: Gay/Lesbian Organization of Videomakers. Monthly meetings for people involved in all aspects of video & film production. Info: Nikos Diaman 775-6143.
Chevron Lesbian & Gay Employees Association: Call 281-0788 for meeting times & other information.
United Airlines Lesbian & Gay Employees Coalition: Group lobbies for domestic partnership benefits & encourages company participation in gay & lesbian events. For info write GLUE Coalition, 2261 Market St, #293, SF 94114-1693 or call (800) 999-3448.
Women's Business Network (WBN) provides practical support for women in business & women changing careers. Educational networking events, monthly newsletter, low-interest loans for women in business and women changing careers. Info/complimentary newsletter: WBN (510) 482-8583.
Gays & Lesbians in Planning: Social group for men & women in city planning & related professions. Bi-monthly potluck dinners, short programs & social events. Info: 626-5750.
BANGLE (Bay Area Network of Gay & Lesbian Educators) supports lesbian, gay & bisexual educators by providing monthly social gatherings & working for equality in education. Membership confidential. Educators, their families & friends are welcome. Info: SF—(415) 285-5078, Eastbay (510) 234-4627, Contra Costa County (510) 687-4851, Southbay (408) 298-1231, Sonoma County (707) 526-7931.
National Lesbian & Gay Journalists Association (NLGJA): The gay "j's" are journalists & supporters focusing on workplace & coverage issues in the mainstream media. Info: 905-4690.
GAYLESTA (Gay & Lesbian Therapist Association) of the Bay Area. For newsletter/more info call (510) 339-8077.

► SENIORS

Operation Concern's GLOE (Gay & Lesbian Outreach to Elders) offers various groups (writing, outings, discussion, etc) of interest to lesbians & gay men. For info on groups offered call 626-7000.
Senior Information Line:—see Hotlines & Referrals.
St Francis of Assisi Community invites all seniors age 60 & over to share a nutritious free lunch, Mon-Sun at noon. $1.25 suggested donation. Group also offers full, free activities program for seniors, including craft classes, day trips, bingo, exercise classes, health education & health screenings. For meal reservations or copy of activities calendar call 861-5790, 9 am-noon. 145 Guerrero St, SF.
Senior Information & Referral Service, spons by the SF Commission on the Aging, is located at 25 Van Ness Ave, Suite 750, SF. 24-hour phone line: 626-1033.
Eldercare Locator helps families & friends find information about community services for older people, anywhere in the United States and its territories. The service is funded in part by the Older Americans Act. For info call (800) 677-1116.
Lesbians Age-Related Eyesight Loss Group: Self-help group for older lesbians who are experiencing age-related eyesight loss. Group explores practical, social & emotional issues of eyesight loss & aging from a feminist perspective. Spons by the Nat'l Assoc for Visually Handicapped. Info: 221-3201.

► SOCIAL GROUPS

Girth & Mirth Club of SF meets every Sat. Chubbies meet chasers meet chubbies. For info write: 176-B Page St, SF 94102 or call 24-hr message hotline: 552-1143.
UCGALA (Univ of Calif Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc). Open to graduates and anyone else who is a friend of the University. Annual membership: $20. For info & to get on mailing list (confidentiality assured), call 267-3150. Monthly social & cultural events.
Cal Poly GALA (Gay & Lesbian Alumni Assoc) provides social & cultural support for lesbian, gay & bisexual students, curricula & activites; and serves the needs alumni & future alumni. Absolute confidentiality assurred. Info: (408) 245-7179.
Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance at UC Berkeley (MBLGA). See Support Groups.
Sunset Rising: Sunset District (Inner & Outer) gays, lesbians & bisexuals gather for social & volunteer activities. Join us! Info: 753-6435.
Fremont Men Social Group: Potlucks, dinners, hikes, etc. in the Fremont area. For newsletter or other info write PO Box 1238, Fremont, CA 94538 or call (510) 713-2455. (510) 596-3578.
Berkeley Flats Dykes (BFD) meets 10:30-1:30 pm on the last Sun of each month for potluck brunch. You don't have to live in the Berkeley Flats to attend, just bring something to eat or drink. Call the hotline (510) 273-2465 for location.
Tri-City Area Lesbians (Fremont, Union City, & Newark). Meet your neighbors for informal dinners, socials, etc. Call Beth or Laurie (510) 794-8004.
Melting Pot/Palo meets monthly in our homes. Group welcomes all ages, singles & couples, multiracial, open to all diversity. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.
Melting Pot/Mountain View meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Joe 961-1296.
Melting Pot/San Mateo County meets monthly in our homes. All ages, singles & couples, multiracial, diversity welcome. Info: Jay or Tom 858-2800.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
Albany Dykes: Join your neighbors for potluck Sun brunch! Info/location: Barbara (510) 528-9026 or Judy (510) 525-6866.
Oakland Lesbians living between Telegraph, Broadway, 40th & 51st Streets: Meet your lesbian neighbors for community & fun! Call (510) 655-8792 for more info & to get on the mailing list.
Solano Lambda Men's Assoc: Offers alternative events for gay men. Rap group, social activities, etc. Meets 2nd & 4th Tues of each month in Vacaville, call (707) 448-1010 for info/location.
Napa Valley Men's Network: Social organization of gay and bisexual men over 18, from Northbay counties. Group meets for potluck dinners on the 2nd Sun of each month, and for addt'l events as scheduled. For newsletter, write PO Box 4307, Napa 94558.
Women Over 50 Social Group meets every 3rd Sun from 3-5 pm, in Los Gatos. Other events arranged. Info: (408) 354-4397 or (415) 558-8366.
Generation X-Ers: Rap/social group for progressive-thinking twentysomethings (women especially encouraged). Dicussion topics include: generation identity, PC, activism, racial issues, TV and gay & lesbian issues. SF location. Info: Raman 771-4291 or Erica 621-6946.
Asian Lesbian Potluck Brunch Group, see People of Color.
Bridging the Gap Alliance: Social/political group of deaf, hard of hearing and hearing lesbians. Meets monthly (mtgs in ASL). New signers are welcome! Info: write BGA, PO Box 5669, Berkeley, CA 94705.
East Bay Network: Club for gay community socializing. Anytime, on-line 24 hrs. Computer & modem required. Call (510) 827-0470. Modem (510) 827-3894.
New Horizons: Social/support/volunteer group for young adults in their twenties. Meet Thurs in San Anselmo, Marin at the YWCA, 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd. New members drop-in at 7:45 pm, gen'l mtgs 8-9:30 pm. Info: 457-3523.
East Bay Men: Get together for various social events—dinners, cinemas, etc. Couples & singles welcome. Non-sexual. Info: PO Box 866, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 466-0455.
Social Group for Bay Area professional & business men. Meet for dining out, cinemas & other social events. Alternative to the bars. Non-sexual. Write PO Box 1397, El Cerrito, 94530 or call (510) 527-9244.
Older Single Dykes Social Group: Social activies, friendship, networking & support in an alcohol, drug, s/m, smoke & perfume-free environment; for dyke-centered lesbians over 40. Dyke separatists especially welcome. Info: (510) 482-0635.
Eastbay Dykes Separatist Social Group meets for fun, discussion, and to expand our Separatist support network. Assume no s/m, drugs, alcohol, smoking or perfume. Info/location: (510) 482-0635 or (510) 655-8792.
The Irish Lesbian & Gay Organization meets monthly. Info/location: 929-8877.
Negatives Being Positive: Social group of HIV negative gay men, spons by the AIDS Health Project. See Main Calendar listings for upcoming events or call the Event Line 476-6448 and press option 4 at the recorded message.
Coastside Social Group (Pacifica-Half Moon Bay Area) for gays, lesbians, family & friends. Info: Laura 359-0207 or Paul 726-2838.
The Guys: A social alternative for athletic, active gay guys. Sun brunches, Tahoe, hiking, beaches, biking, pool, bowling, etc. Info (510) 531-5836.
Brainy, Artsy Gals: Group meets for potluck parties, first Fri of each month, SF & Eastbay locations. Info: (510) 658-9389.

► SPIRITUALITY

Shabbat Services with Sha'ar Zahav, Jewish lesbian/gay congregation. Every Fri at 8:15 pm & last Saturday of each month, 10:30 am. 220 Danvers (upper Market), SF. 861-6932.
Temple Israel of Alameda: A caring & inclusive congregation, everyone is welcome. Fri services at 8 pm. Family Service 1st Fri of the month at 7:30 pm. 1st & 3rd Sat of month: 10 am study, 11 am Minyan. 3183 Mecartney Rd, Alameda. Info: Kathy or Joyce (510) 653-8494.
Jewish Lesbians, bisexual women & friends meet to celebrate Shabbat, 1st Fri of each month, alternating btwn SF & EB locations. Join us for letting go of the week & your work, bringing in Shabbat with song, food, schmoozing & Jewish culture. Please wear no scents. Info: 821-4009.
Nishmat Shalom: An Eastbay feminist minyan. Semi-traditional havura, first Sat of each month at 10 am. Services followed by vegetarian potluck. Women, men, gay, straight, bi welcome. Call (510) 559-9759 for details.
Queer Minyan: Gay/Lesbian Jewish Renewal Group: Combines traditional forms & feelings of prayer with modern outlook. Egalitarian, warm & lighthearted Shabbos celebration, 1st & 3rd Fri of the month. No knowledge or experience necessary. Location/info: 334-8449.
Gay Buddhist Fraternity: For gay men who practice any form of the Buddhadharma, or who are interested in practicing. Meet 2nd & 4th Sun of each month in a beautiful SF meeting place for meditation, discussion & interaction. Additional group events & retreats held occasionally. Beginners welcome! For info write: The Gay Buddhist Fraternity, PO Box 173, 2261 Market St, SF 94114. Please include your phone number.
Vajrayana Buddhist Support Group for gay/bisexual men meets in SF. Practitioners of Tibetan Buddhism are welcome to join a supportive circle of male friends. Info: 863-7532.
Sunday's Women gather to explore the Goddess Movement, network with other spiritual women. Guest speakers. 3rd Sun of each month, Montclair Women's Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd, Oakl. $7-10 donation. Spons by Women's Spirituality Forum. Call the Goddess Hotline, (510) 444-7724, for in-

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Women's Circle Network: If you are in a women's circle & would like to connect with a community of women's circles contact Emerald at 2124 Kittredge #11, Berkeley 94704. Call (510) 652-6355.

Witches Support Group meets to address issues. Women only. Jewish witches especially welcome. Info: 985-7473 leave message for Janette.

Women's Spirituality/New Moon Shamanic Circle: Drumming, ritual, journeying, prayer. Free. SF location. Info: Mireya 648-7592.

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Spiritual Company: Spiritual growth circle meets Fri eves, 6-8 pm in SF's Castro district. Group uses meditation exercises & sharing to expand consciousness. Non-sectarian, new members welcome! Info: Mark 864-4209.

J Krishnamurti Dialogues & Video Screenings offered in SF and the Eastbay. Call (415) 469-0606 for info.

St Marks Lutheran Church Communion: Sun, 9 & 11 am, 1111 O'Farrell at Gough, SF. Info: 928-7770.

Gay Men's Radical Faery Circle comes together every Thurs night at 8 pm. Bring instruments & energy! Info/location: 626-3369.

St Paul's Lutheran Church: worship & Eucharist, Sun, 10 am. 1658 Excelsior Ave. Oakl (just off I-580). Info: 530-6333.

Dolores Street Baptist Church: Small, inclusive & caring congregation of folks from many backgrounds & religious traditions. Sunday: 9:30 am Biblical Discernment on Today's Issues; 11 am worship. 208 Dolores St, SF. Call 861-1434 for more info or church vision statement. Everyone welcome!

Acceptance: Baptist Bible Study & support group meets Wednesdays, 7:30 pm. Location varies. Everyone is welcome. For info: 843-9705, 626-5034.

American Baptists Concerned: a supportive community of gay/lesbian Baptists & friends. Meets at 5 pm the first Sun of each month for fellowship and a potluck. Everyone is welcome! Also publishes quarterly newsletter, *Voice of the Turtle*. To join mailing list send $10 to ABC, 872 Erie St, Oakl 94610. For mtg & group info: (510) 465-8652.

Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church (American Baptist) is an inclusive church welcoming & affirming gay men & lesbians. Worship 10 am Sun at 3534 Lakeshore Ave & Mandana, Oakland. Gay/lesbian group, American Baptists Concerned, meets the first Sun of each month. For more info call (510) 893-2484.

Bethany United Methodist Church: Caring & inclusive congregation, every person is welcome. Church reaches out to the lesbian & gay community. Sun worship at 11 am. 1268 Sanchez St at Clipper, SF. Info: 647-8393.

Montclair Presbyterian Church welcomes gay & lesbian people to worship & join in the church's many social justice & support programs. Worship service uses inclusive language. 10 am worship, 10 am church school & nursery for children. 5101 Thornhill Drive, Oakl. Info: Rev Chuck McClain or Rev Cindy Crowner, (510) 339-1131.

Seventh Ave Presbyterian Church: Inclusive community; gay, lesbian & straight, all ages. Come join, you're welcome! Sun worship at 10:30 am. 1329 7th Ave, SF. Info: 664-2543.

St John's Presbyterian Church: An inclusive "More Light" congregation in south Berkeley, nr the University campus, welcomes & affirms gay men & lesbians. Services 10 am Sun at 2727 College Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 845-6830.

Alameda First Congregational Church holds that all people are equally loved & accepted. You are welcome to Sun services at 10:30 am, 1912 Central Ave, Alameda. Info: (510) 522-6012.

St John's United Church of Christ, Laguna Honda at Woodside. An open & affirming church, welcoming people of all ages, races, shapes, sizes and abilities. Worship at 10 am with people who are single, married, divorced, widowed, gay & lesbian. Diversity is encouraged & celebrated. People who love to sing are especially welcome! Info: 731-9333.

Christian Women's Support Group meets 4th Sat of each month. Inclusive language eucharist, potluck, fellowship. Info: Kris Wagner 534-5546, Bonita Palmer 647-8390.

Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of SF. Sun worship services: 9 am, 11 am & 7 pm. AIDS ministry (see AIDS Resources), women's & men's groups, children's programming & educational series. Rev Jim Mitulski, pastor. 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 863-4434.

Golden Gate MCC Sun worship services: 12:45 & 7 pm; 11 am bible study. 1600 Clay St, SF. Rev Buddy Trulock, pastor. Lesbian & gay Christians welcome all to enjoy nourishing worship & fellowship of Jesus Christ. Info: 567-9080.

New Life MCC Sun worship service: 1823 9th St at Hearst, Berkeley. 12:30 pm. Potluck every 3rd Sun. All welcome! Rev Barry Wichman, pastor. Leslie Addison, clergy intern. WA. Info: (510) 843-9355.

MCC of San Lorenzo meets at Christ Lutheran Church, 100 Hacienda St at Hathaway, San Lorenzo. Services Sun at 6 pm. Interim pastor: Rev Michael England. Info: (510) 481-9720.

Diablo Valley MCC Sun worship service, 10 am, 2253 Concord Blvd, Concord. Wed worship, 7 pm, followed by lay ministry courses at 8:15 pm. Info: (510) 827-2960.

New Hope! MCC of Santa Rosa meets 11:30 am at 3632 Airway Dr, Santa Rosa. All lifestyles welcome! Pastor Bob Cunningham. Info: (707) 526-HOPE.

Russian River MCC Sun worship service. Noon, 14520 Armstrong Woods Rd, Guerneville. Info: Rev Betty Pederson (707) 869-0552.

Evangelicals Concerned-SF Bay Area. Local chapters in SF, Eastbay, San Jose, of national pro-lesbian/gay Christian organization. Weekly discussion/Bible study groups, social activities & retreats. Be affirmed of both your sexuality & spirituality. Call Andrea or Jeff at (415) 621-ECWR (3297) for details.

John Kelly plays the famous folksinger Joni Mitchell in "Paved Paradise," June 6-July 4. See Calendar date for details.

Agape Full Gospel Fellowship: Ministry for all communities. Promotes spiritual, mental, physical & social wholeness thru Jesus Christ. Sunday worship service at 1 pm at 50 Belcher, SF. Thurs bible study at 7 pm, call for location. Info: Pastor Mike Arbuckle 861-2934.

St Michael's Ecumenical Catholic Church: Pro-gay, independent denomination. Sun services at 10 am, 21956 Russian River Ave, Villa Grande. Info: Bishop Mark Shirilau (707) 865-0119.

Open Arms Community Church meets Sun at 7 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 4930 Newanga. A non-denominational Christian Church for all lifestyles. Rev John Torres, pastor. Info: (707) 526-2133.

Freedom in Christ Evangelical Church: Group of Christians gathered together as local Bible-believing assembly. Lesbian/gay positive outreach. Focus on sharing the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ with our community & to enourage one another in "the faith once delivered unto the saints." Worship & praise service on Sun 11 am at Jon Sims Center, 1519 Mission St, SF. Wed eve sharing & study of God's Word at Dolores St Baptist Church, 15th & Dolores, SF at 7:30 pm. For more into write PO Box 14462, SF 94114-4462 or call 647-0184.

Faith Fellowship: Sun services 6 pm, bible study Wed at 6:30 pm. All welcome! 22577 Bay View Ave, Hayward. Info: (510) 537-2992.

Trinity Episcopal Church: traditional liturgy with liberal theology. Inclusive urban parish. Sunday Choral Eucharist, 11 am. 1668 Bush St nr Gough, SF. Rev Robert Cromey, rector. Info: 775-1117.

Holy Innocents Episcopal Church in Noe Valley: Friendly neighborhood & community church. Emphasis on liturgy, preaching, music, social activities. Rev Armand Kreft, vicar; Rev Karen Siegriedt, deacon. Solemn Mass at 10 am, Sun. 455 Fair Oaks St, btwn 25th & 26th, Dolores & Gurrero, SF. Info: 824-5142.

St John the Evangelist Church: Christian fellowship in strong liturgical tradition. Welcomes gays & lesbians. Daily Eucharist. Grief support, quiet prayer, Bible study, inclusive women's group. Sun service 11 am. 1661 15th St, SF, near BART station. Entrance on Julian. Info: 861-1436.

Integrity SBA: Gay & lesbian Episcopalians & friends, local chapter of an international organization, co-spons lively discussions every Thurs eves, 7:9:30 pm at the Parsonage, 555A Castro St, SF. Info: 552-2909.

The Parsonage, an Episcopalian ministry at 555 A Castro St, SF, advocates justice for lesbian/gay people, and witnesses to the godliness of gay/lesbian love. Together with Integrity, the assoc of gay/lesbian Episcopalians, the group sponsors programs every Thurs eve at 7 pm. Call 552-2909 for program details, further info.

Integrity/El Camino Real: Episcopal gay & lesbian ministry meets at churches from Palo Alto to Monterey on the 3rd Sun of each month. 5:30 pm service, potluck at 6:15 pm, program & discussion at 7 pm. Jim: (415) 493-1253 or Russ (408) 294-2026.

Affirmation: Gay & lesbian Mormons Social/support group for Latter-Day Saints, their families & friends. Wkly mtgs. Sun at 5:30 pm, MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Info: 641-4554.

Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of the First Unitarian Church of SF (UULGC/SF) meets 2nd Sun of every month at 12:15 pm, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St, SF. Spons variety of events & social functions for lesbians, gay men, bisexuals & friends. The Unitarian Universalist Church provides union services for lesbian & gay partners, has a significant number of openly gay clergy & a long history of support for lesbian/gay individuals & groups.

Dignity/SF: Faith community of lesbian, gay & bisexual Roman Catholics & friends. Inclusive-language Mass every Sun at 5:30 pm at Dolores Street Church, 100 208 Dolores St at 15th, SF. Call 255-9244 for more info.

Prayer & Support Group for Hispanic, gay & lesbian Catholics, spons by Dignity/SF, meets every 7:30 pm every 2nd Fri of the month for prayer at Dolores Street Church, 15th & Dolores, SF. Dignidad/SF Catolicos gay y lesbiana de habla hispana se reunen para apoyo y oraciones el segundo viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm en Dolores St Church 16 y Dolores. Info: Jaime 252-7623.

Most Holy Redeemer Roman Catholic Church, 100 Diamond St (18th & Diamond, in the Castro), SF. Masses: Sat 5 pm; Sun 7:30 & 10 am. Weekdays 8 am & 5:30 pm. Outreach to lesbians & gay men, AIDS support group. All welcome. Info: 863-6259.

Noe Valley Ministry: An inclusive More Light Presbyterian community. Worship service: 10 am Sun; Cantate, a joyous service of chanting, meditation & prayer, 2nd Sun of each month at 7 pm. Women's spirituality gathering, an exploration of sexuality, spirituality & justice, 4th Sun of every month at 7 pm. All lifestyles are welcome! 1021 Sanchez St, SF. Info: 282-2317.

Peace United Church: Liberal Protestant church; small & caring community, creative worship gatherings. Sensitive to social & political justice issues. Two lesbian ministers. Worship service Sun at 5 pm; Monte Vista Ave at Oakland Ave, in back of Plymouth UCC, Oakland. Info: (510) 486-0625. Childcare provided. Wheelchair Accessible.

GLAD Alliance (Gays, Lesbians & Affirming Disciples) of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) meets the 3rd Sun of each month, 4-7 pm at University Christian Church, 2401 LeConte Ave, Berkeley. Info: Bill (510) 644-1823 or (510) 652-6036.

The Church of Amron, a metaphysical ministry, holds solstice services, healing circles, classes on yoga, metaphysics, channeling, ritual, affirmations, shaman drumming, & much more. 2254 Van Ness Ave at Vallejo, SF. For info call 775-0227.

First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Post & Mason Sts, SF. An open & affirming church that began ordaining gays in 1972. Services: 9 & 11 am, adult education at 9:45 am. Outstanding music program. Close to public transit, parking at Sutter/Stockton garage. Info: 392-7461.

World Peace/Inner Peace: Intro talks on the transcendental meditation program. Wed 8 pm at 347 Dolores St, SF. Room 231. Free. Also group meditations for practitioners. Wed at 5:30 pm.

Tayu Center, a Fourth Way spiritual school directed by Robert Daniel Ennis, a modern spiritual adept. Study group meets every Tues eve at 8 pm, at Hartford Street Zen Center, 57 Hartford St, SF. Includes co-meditation (2-person), reading & discussion of Fourth Way material. Info: (707) 829-9579.

First Church of Religious Science of Oakland's lesbian & gay family meets to celebrate "our powerful lifestyle & consciousness and to expand our understanding of the practical techniques and the empowering teachings of our philosophy... free of dogma or judgements." Info: Robert 832-7120.

Gay Clergy Support. Group for Professed Religious who would like to socialize and exchange with other gay religious and clergy who believe in their unique calling as gays in the Church. Info: 584-1034.

► SPORTS

Berkeley & Eastbay Athletes interested in becoming involved with the group coordinating the Eastbay's effort for the 1994 Gay Games in New York. Contact Chris (510) 649-1408 for details.

SF Frontrunners Social running & walking club for lesbians, gays & bisexuals, & their friends. All levels welcome. Regular wkly runs: Sat 9 am, Stow Lake Boathouse, Golden Gate Park; 1 mi. walk or 1-5 mi. runs, no-host brunch follows; Tues 6:30 pm, Ferry Bldg (under clock tower), up to 5 mi. flat run along Embarcadero; Thurs 6:30 pm, McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, 3.5 mi. run; Sun 9 am, variable location runs. Info: Mike 206-9312.

Eastbay Frontrunners Club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Eastbay locations. Runs begin at 9:30 am, and are followed by brunch. Info: Roz (510) 939-3579 or Greg (510) 865-6792.

Baylands Frontrunners: Social and running/walking club sponsors noncompetitive runs in various Southbay & Peninsula locations. Men & women welcome. Group meets every Sat at 9 am at the Baylands Athletic Center in Palo Alto. For more info call (408) 984-4076.

SF Hiking Club: join us for day trips, backpacking & social activities. See calendar listing for this month's schedule. For more info write: SF Hiking Club, PO Box 14065, SF 94114 or call 826-3489 eves.

Different Spokes/SF: Bicycling group for Bay Area gays & lesbians interested in non-competitive cycling, both on road bikes & mountain bikes. Several trips each month, plus regular "Decide & Ride" each Sun at 10 am, leaving from McLaren Lodge, Golden Gate Park, SF. For schedule/newsletter call 282-1647 or write PO Box 14711, SF CA 94114.

Marin Hike & Bike Club for Gay & Bi Men: Enjoy the company of other athletic guys in a positive, non-toxic outdoor environment. Informal club gathers for hikes, bike rides, camping trips, as well as purely social events. No membership fees. For info call 721-4299.

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans: escape the madness of the city, explore & appreciate the beautiful outdoors. GLS presents 1-3 hikes each week; plus monthly program on 3rd Tues of each month, 7:30 pm, Nat'l Sierra Club, Polk St at Ellis, SF. For SIGN, call TDD (510) 653-6127. For info & free sample newsletter: 281-5666 (24-hrs).

Gay/Lesbian Sierrans Loma Prieta (Southbay) Chapter: 2448 Watson Court, Palo Alto, 94303. Call (408) 229-1234 for info.

0Wilderness Women explore the great outdoors. Hikes, nature study, camping, ski trips & more. All adventures shared with friendly women. $5/yr. Calendar/newsletter. Write 5329 Manila Ave, Oakl, 94618. Info: (510) 658-2196.

Golden Gate Wrestling Club holds Olympic Freestyle Wrestling practices twice weekly. All weights, skill levels & ages welcome. Large facility, accessible to public transit. Practices: Thurs at 7 pm, Sun at 12:30 pm. Info: Gene 821-2991.

SF Wrestling Club: all forms & wrestling styles; all ages, weights & experience levels welcome. Call (510) 538-8490 or (415) 821-9721 for details.

Motorcycle Club for Black gay women. For info write: 1081 Alameda #117, Belmont, CA 94002.

Pegasus Motorcycle Club for gay, Bay Area men: Explore Calif backroads & points of interest. Monthly 1 or 2-day runs. For info/details call Jay/SF, (415) 861-2872. Ed/Eastbay (510) 531-5243 or Allen/Marin (415) 389-0905. Also check Main Calendar.

Dyke Diver offers a newsletter for dykes who scuba dive. Send SASE to Dyke Diver, PO Box 460096, SF CA 94146 for info/details.

Northern Calif Rainbow Divers: Lesbian & Gay Scuba Club for the active diver in Northern Calif. Meets 2nd Tues of every month at 7:30 pm at the Sierra Club, 730 Polk St, SF. Info: Greg Abrams 821-2877.

SF Tsunami Gay & Lesbian Masters Swim team invites swimmers of all ages, races, gender & abilities to enjoy both competitive and non-competitive swimming. Group participates in meets, lake swims, int'l gay aquatic events & numerous social events throughout the year. Coached workouts wkends & wknights. Info/locations: 431-1933.

Barbary Coast Boating Club: Gay yacht club serving Northern Calif. Meets every month at the Berkeley Yacht Club, 7-9 pm. All interested visitors are welcome! For meeting dates & other info: 905-6267.

Women's Soccer Team: Has members on both sides of the Bay, more members are welcome! Lesbians & friends encouraged to join. Call SF: (415) 641-8771 or EB: (510) 547-3675.

Women's Soccer Team welcomes experienced players, especially goalies. Info: (510) 523-5373 or (415) 647-3205.

Men's Soccer Team, SF Spikes, practices Tues 5:30-dark at Beach Chalet. Games on Saturdays. For details call Carlo 821-4248.

Women's Field Hockey League: Only women's field hockey group in the Bay Area. Sunday games. Call 431-2720.

SF Women's FLAG Football League: Games at Golden Gate Park Polo Field, Sun 9:30 am-3 pm. Info: 584-6496.

Stonewall Climbers: Gay & lesbian rockclimbing group. To join us on one of our trips, call 695-9056 or 863-2789.

Gay Tennis Federation: A lesbian & gay tennis club. All playing levels welcome. Write: GTF, 2215-R, Market St #109, SF CA 94114 or call 626-5427 x2.

SF Women's Judo Club: Open to all women 12 yrs of age & older. Come & observe classes. Schedule: Tues & Thurs 6-8 pm, Sat 11 am-1 pm. 1622 Castro & 26th St, SF. Info: 821-0303 BEFORE 10 pm.

Ronin Dojo Karate School for Women offers instruction in Kenpo Karate, with emphasis on self-defense by experienced black belt women. Beginners welcome. Info: 731-7560.

Aikido Arts Center: For women, men, kids. Special beginners classes. Mornings & evenings. Info: 861-6044.

Hand to Hand Martial Arts. Nonprofit provides dynamic, woman-centered martial arts & self defense training in the Eastbay. Head instructor: Coleen Gragen, 4th degree black belt. Info: (510) 428-0502.

PAWMA (Pacific Assoc of Women Martial Artists) promotes martial arts training for women in an atmosphere of mutual respect & trust. Provides info on schools, classes, seminars, workshops, performances & more. Call 664-7034 or write PAWMA, PO Box 12861, Berkeley 94701-12861 for info.

Eastbay Lesbian Bowlers: All skill levels welcome. Call (510) 653-4135 for info.

BICEPS (Bodybuilders Into Competition, Education & Physique). Steroid-free bodybuilding for men & women. All levels & ages welcome. For upcoming events info call 267-1864 or write PO Box 410053 SF 94141.

ABS (Arcadia Bodybuilding Society): Int'l bodybuilding organization, organizers of the annual SF gay/lesbian Physique Show. All levels welcome. Info: 978-9495.

Lesbian & Gay Ultimate Frisbee Team. Meets Sat 11 am-1 pm in Golden Gate Park, SF. If you can play weekly & want a good workout, you're welcome! Call Claire 285-0936 for more info. All skill levels are welcome.

Rollerblade Club for beginners on the Peninsula. Call Elena 592-7183.

East Bay Gay/Bi Sports Players social group: Competitive, but for fun only. No regular attendance or commitment required. Choice of softball, volleyball, tennis, basketball, football or other sports. All levels welcome. Suggestions welcome. Info: 769-7583.

AbunDANCE Aerobic Dance Class for Large Women: All women size 16 and up are welcome to come boogie! Mon & Wed, 6-7 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 3rd fl. SL donation, no one turned away for lack of funds. Info: 661-6379.

► SUPPORT GROUPS

Overcoming Violent Behavior Anonymous: SF group, see Incest & Battery.

Support Group for Gay & Bisexual Men & Transgenders who are being emotionally, physically and/or sexually abused by male partners—see Incest & Battery.

Women's Cancer Support Groups: spons by Women's Cancer Resource Ctr, see Health.

Lesbian Adoptees: open group discussing issues around search, reunion, depression, anger, abandonment, identity, etc. Meets every other Sun in SF. Info: Amy 923-1454.

Adoptees, Birth Parents & Adoptive Parents support groups meet throughout the Bay Area. For info/locations: Post-Adoption Center for Education & Research (PACER) 935-6622.

Adoptee Support Group for adoptees & those interested in adoptee issues. Mon 7:30-9 pm at SF State Women's Center, Student Union, 2nd floor, room 114. Free. Everyone welcome! Info: BJ 885-6124.

Gay Men's Support Group: Self-led group meets Tues eves in SF to deal with a wide range of personal issues. Men willing to make an extended commitment are welcome to join! Info: Greg or Rocky 626-1197; Rodney 861-7911.

Drop-in Gay Men's Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Join other gay men of all ages for a wkly support group, Tues 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Monday Gay Men's Group at Pacific Cetner, Berkeley. Join 50-100 gay men at this weekly drop-in group offering multiple-topic discussion & social time. Mon 7:45-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Drop-in Lesbian Rap at Pacific Center, Berkeley: Tues eves, 8-9:50 pm. Call (510) 548-8283 for info.

Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group: discussion group for all lesbians. Meet Thurs 7:30 pm at the Palo Alto YWCA, 4161 Alma (just north of San Antonio), Palo Alto. Different topics each week, see Main Calendar for details. Info: Marilyn 969-1260.

Walnut Creek Lesbian Discussion Group meets Mon at 7 pm at Pacific Center, 1250 Pine St, #301, Walnut Creek. Info: (510) 939-7711.

Walnut Creek Gay Support Group meets Tues at 7 pm at Pacific Ctr, 1250 Pine St #301, Walnut Creek. Info: 939-7711.

Graves' Disease (hyperthyroid) Support Groups in SF & the East Bay. Call Susan (510) 540-8640 for info. In Santa Cruz, call Deborah (408) 479-0559.

Lesbians w/mild MS: Informal support group meets monthly. For info & location, call Blue (510) 658-2477 or Ilene (415) 221-2361.

Headache Support Group meets twice a month in SF. For info call Judy 459-5839.

Support Group for Women who want to leave the sex industry meets Tues 4-5:30 pm. Drop-in center open Tues noon-4 pm. 942 Market St #307. Spons by Women Emerging. Info: 982-3365.

Women's Coming Out Group: open to women of all ages, drop-in. Choose topics, make friends. 6 pm Wed at Pacific Ctr (newcomers come at 5:45 pm to meet facilitator). 2712 Telegraph Ave.

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Pussy Galore

Pussy Tourette has finished taking a well-deserved and much needed rest from the local club circuit, a scene she burst onto with live performances that left me in awe from the beginning and ultimately earned her some fine spots on stages for Gay Day and the Folsom and Castro street fairs last summer. She smartly recorded a fine tape that sold briskly at Tower and gave her ever-growing following something to tide themselves over and share with their friends while Pussy took a brief hiatus from performing locally. It was actually the perfect time for her to do so: After teetering on the edge of over-exposure, Pussy wrapped it all up by playing the three largest outdoor parties of the summer and then made herself scarce. Smart girl.

Just because she wasn't playing live doesn't mean Pussy was lying around eating bon bons. Some video company with a relatively major budget shot a video for the song, "French Bitch," in the Plush Room, a song that always gets a rather cinematic treatment in her live set with the help of Jade Semi-Precious as the French Bitch. Of course Jade figures prominently in the video, which I just saw and it's astonishingly slick, well-produced and gender-fuck almighty. Unfortunately the lyrics were changed slightly to ensure a higher visibility rate, you know, changing "motherfucker" to "motherlover" so it might get shown a couple of times really late on MTV after a RuPaul video. But the tone of the video is so fierce, earnest and professional it's not likely to be ignored. After all, it features two women in a slap fight, matching up to MTV's usual video quota of violence against women, but I wonder if it still counts if they're men dressed as women. At any rate, the "French Bitch" video is an impressive piece of work and I hope enough of this ever-lovin' nation gets to see it.

Just when a few loyal fans were asking themselves, "Hey, where is Pussy Tourette and what the hell has she been up to lately?" she came bounding back into the spotlight in a big way, on the main stage of the March on Washington, the largest civil rights demonstration in the nation's history. Pussy was on C-Span doing "French Bitch." Shortly after that, Pussy whisked her entourage off to New York for a couple of live appearances at the Limelight and Club USA during the recent Style Summit. Not long after returning home, Pussy played at the premiere of *Sex Is...*, the long-awaited project by local filmmaker Marc Huestis, screened at the fabulous Castro Theatre. To my knowledge she also offered up some of her recorded material for the soundtrack of the film. Finally, if those listed achievements of Pussy's recent past aren't enough, I was more than happy to see in the window of A Different Light Bookstore a Pussy Tourette hi-fi CD that has just become available. This new package includes everything that was on her first tape plus a handful of new material, re-mixed or re-recorded versions of some old faves, and that sanitized version of "French Bitch." The CD clocks in at a glamorous 49 minutes, and listening to it clearly establishes in my mind that Pussy isn't just the local drag novelty of the moment. She's much more—first and foremost, a songwriter.

While the famous and fabulous RuPaul climbs the charts by repeating "you better work," and "shante," Pussy is whipping out Cole Porter-esque stanzas like "After you/ Who'll take me round the world while still at home/ Who'd make me so content I'd never roam/After you/ Who'd start my fire when I'm soaking wet/ Who'd make me feel so rich while still in debt/ After you." On top of a knack for phrasing and clever wordplay, Pussy also writes some conceptual lyrics, using her name and all its apparent possibilities for double entendre. "Free Pussy" is her most brilliant example of this.

Musically her songs embrace a variety of styles, one right after the other. The most winning combination on this disc would have to be Pussy and slow, low blues, matched up on the opening cut, "Brigid," and the anthemic "Free Pussy." Brigid Brat, aka God's Girlfriend, the seven-foot trans-bitch goth goddess, is thanked in the liner notes for "the blues," which he toughly implements with his low and gravelly classic guitar grind, greeting Pussy from the gutters of the streets she walks. The blues riffs take Pussy's tongue-in-cheek sexual innuendo and turn it mercilessly smutty upon contact. Brigid and Pussy work well together.

Other musical styles Pussy jumps on include your basic modern dance music in the techno vein with "Heels On," which includes some pseudo rap-ish English-accented banter; the honky tonk burlesque of "$70," possibly the best song ever penned on the subject of male prostitution (a constantly recurring theme in many of the songs); the Prince-like drive of "Pussy's Boogie," more commonly known as "Fuck My Pussy"; the

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► THERAPY GROUPS

Women's Institute for Mental Health: low-fee individual, couples & grou therapy. SL starts at $15. Groups for women abused as children. Info: 864-2364. 333 Valencia St, SF, Ste 222.

Disabled Lesbian Group for women with physical disabilities, hidden disabilities, chronic illness & chronic pain. Wed & Thurs at Operation Concern. WA, SL. Info: 626-7000 voice/tty.

Gay Men's Disabled Group: are you a gay man with a physical/hidden disability? Isolated & in need of support/therapy? Call 626-7000 v/tty. Group held at Operation Concern, 1853 Market St, SF.

McAuley Neuropsychiatric Institute at St Mary's Hospital & Med Ctr in SF offers a number of psychotherapy groups (eating disorders, incest survivors, single parents, women, etc) for individuals & couples. Wkly mtgs, SL fee. For info or to register: Helga Justman, LCSW 750-5603.

Berkeley Free Clinic peer counseling collective provides counseling for individuals & couples, also provides mediations. Info: (510) 548-2570.

Men—Have You Abused Your Lover? Feeling ashamed, afraid or angry about having been violent with the man you love most? MOVE offers help for gay & bisexual men who batter. See Incest & Battery section for details.

Lesbian Counseling Group offered by Family Service Agency of San Mateo. Focus on helping lesbians explore life issues in a safe, supportive setting. Meets Mon 6-7:30 pm at the agency offices, 1870 El Camino Real, Burlingame. Info/reg: 692-0555.

12-Wk Process Groups for Gay Men. Explore issues of intimacy, trust & communication. Spons by Operation Concern. Call Jill 626-7000.

Intuitive Hypnotherapy for Women. Free group offers help in assessing the unconscious for intuition, psychic development, inner guidance, health & empowerment issues. 7:30 pm Mondays, North Berkeley location. Info: (510) 527-3844.

For Additional Listings in the **Therapy** category see *Bay Times'* classifieds section, "Open Exchange" under the **"counseling", "relationship", "recovery addiction"** and **"incest/battery"** therapy headings.

► TRANSGENDER GROUPS

Transvestites & Transsexuals rap group (women & men). 1st and 3rd Wed and last Fri monthly, 8 pm, Pacific Ctr, Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

TV/TS & Friends Transgender Group meets 8 pm, last Thurs of each month. SF location. Info: (510) 549-2665 or write ETVC, PO Box 426486, SF CA 94142. We're very active & friendly folks, call us!

Female-to-Male Crossdressers & Transsexuals Only Group. Newsletter & quarterly get-togethers. Info: FTM, 5337 College Ave #142, Oakl, CA 94618.

SF Gender Information: provides referrals & networking for transsexuals & other gender community members—see Hotlines & Referrals.

Can We Talk? Transgender Support Group at the Tenderloin AIDS Center. See AIDS Resources for details.

Transsexual Support Group: Group for anyone who is transsexual or has gender issues. Beginners welcome. Group meets every Fri except last Fri of the month at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Info: (510) 841-6224.

Transgender Nation: Focus group of Queer Nation, see Political.

► YOUTH

LYRIC (Lavender Youth Recreation & Information Center) offers social/recreational activities for lesbian, gay & bisexual youth, 23 and under. Offices located in the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St, SF. 2nd floor. Info: 703-6150.

BAY (Bay Area Youth) Positives Group for young people with HIV. See AIDS Resources for details.

California Runaway Hotline provides services to young people who need help, want someone to talk to, or want to send a message to their parents. See Hotlines & Referrals.

Rainbow's End: Lesbian/Gay Youth Group. Open to ages 14-23. Thurs eves, drop-in 6:30 pm, group 7-8:30 pm. 1000 Sir Francis Drake, room 12, San Anselmo, Marin. Info: 457-3523.

Sexual Identity Forum for Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Youth—and youth exploring sexual identity. Open to ages 21 & under. Meet every Wed night, 7:30-9 pm at the Community Living Room, 28 W. 37th Ave, San Mateo. Drop by & make new friends! Info: 572-0535.

BASMYN (Bay Area Sexual Minority Youth Network) offers a variety of services for bisexal, lesbian, gay, transgender & questioning youth. A "by & for youth" organization. Discretion assured if requested. All letters answered. Free. Write: BASMYN, PO Box 460268, SF 94146-0268.

LYFE (Lambda Youth & Family Empowerment) for lesbian, gay, bisexual & questioning young people. Provides support groups, leadership program, writing & performance classes and social activities. Info: 565-7681. Spons by Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services.

Constant Craving Coffeehouse for Lesbian & Bisexual Women under 23. Last Thurs of each month at Red Dora's Bearded Lady Cafe, 14th St at Guerrero, SF. 7 pm. Spons by LYFE, LYRIC & the Women's Building. Info: 565-7681. 25-cent coffee & tea, plus music, food, live entertainment & lots of fun!

Young Women of Color Group: lesbians, bisexual & questioning, ages 23 & under. Meets Fri, 7-9 pm at Lyon-Martin Women's Health Services, 1748 Market St at Valencia, SF. Ste 201. Info: LYFE 565-7681 or LYRIC 703-6150.

GALTIP (Gay & Lesbian Teen Intervention Program) provides info & confidential counseling in San Mateo County for youth and their families affected by issues of sexual identity. GALTIP is a program of Project FOCYS & the Peninsula Family YMCA. Info: Denee 342-5216.

Diamond Street Youth Shelter: Shelter for homeless kids in SF, part of SF Youth Network. 70 percent lesbian & gay staff. Open 9:45 pm-9 am. Offers shelter, meals, crisis counseling & referrals. Free. 536 Central Ave btwn Hayes & Grove, SF. Bus lines: 21 Hayes or 5 Fulton. Open to youth ages 13-17. No referral necessary to receive services. Call 567-1020 for info.

Young Lesbians (25 & under). Ongoing rap/support group meets every Tues evening, 6-7:30 pm at the Pacific Center, Berkeley. Free. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Young women's rap group for lesbian, bisexual & questioning women 23 & under meets Mon 7-9 pm at the Women's Bldg, 3543 18th St at Valencia, SF, 3rd floor. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Young men's rap group for gay, bisexual, transgender & questioning men 23 & under meets Fri 7-9 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St at 18th, SF. Info: LYRIC 703-6150.

Co-gender Bisexual Social Group spons by LYRIC meets Sat 2-4 pm at Eureka Rec Center, 100 Collingwood at 18th, SF. Info: 703-6150.

Gay Youth Community Coalition of the Bay Area: Provides advocacy, educational services, peer counseling, networking & technical assistance to sexual minority youth and youth projects. For details call 386-4297 or write PO Box 846, SF 94101-0846.

Lambda Youth Group: Gay, lesbian & bisexual support group for youth up to age 23 in southern Alameda County. Wkly mtgs on Tues, in a drug & alcohol-free environment. Occasional social activities, field trips, special events. Spons by Project Eden. Confidential. Info: (510) 887-0566.

Voices of Pride Sexual Minority Center in Oakland provides support services to gay, lesbian, bisexual & questioning youth, ages 23 & under. Drop-in counseling on Tues, 3-5 pm. Facilitated peer support group Sun 3-5 pm. Also referrals, social events for youth and sensitivity training for schools, youth service providers & religious communities. Info: (510) 530-8529.

Berkeley. Info: 841-6224.

Coming Out Support Group at Billy DeFrank Community Center, 175 Stockton Ave, San Jose. Focus on issues of people who are just coming out. Meets 3rd Sat of every month, 1-3 pm. Info: (408) 293-2429.

Tri-Valley Gays/Lesbians: Support group for all gay people in the Tri-Valley area meets in Pleasanton, Mon at 5 pm at The Center, 4725 First St, Plesanton. Info: Claudia Hartley (510) 846-2085.

Slightly Older Lesbian Support Group for lesbians over 30. Rap group meets 7:30 pm Thurs at Pacific Ctr, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Long-running group. Info: 841-6224 or 548-8283 (leave message for SOL).

Career Support Group for Midlife lesbians who are unemployed, changing carers, newly employed or underemployed. 8-wk groups facilitated by Lloyda French, MS, spons by Options for Women Over Forty. Mon 6-8 pm, low fee. Info: 431-6405.

Personal Support Group for Midlife Lesbians, spons by Options for Women Over 40. Facilitated by Lee Bowman, LCSW. Focus on personal issues: midlife transition, sex, relationships, health, aging, change. 8-wk groups. Wed 6:30-8 pm, low fee. Info: Options 431-6405.

Support Group for Battered Lesbians, spons by WOMAN, Inc—see Incest & Battery.

Lesbian MidLife Support Group meets once a month on Sun night, free. Discuss menopause, self-image, health issues, older workers, body image, new lifestyles & financial planning. Info/location: 252-9073.

Married/Formerly Married Gay/Bi Men: Wkly support & social group at Pacific Center, Berkeley. Wed 8-9:50 pm. Info: (510) 548-8283.

Men's Support Group for straight men whose wives/lovers are coming out. Marin location. Free. Call Jon Seirup, PhD 898-1468 for info.

Spouses of Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Persons Support Group meets 4th Tues of each month at St John's Presbyterian Church, College Ave at Garber, Berkeley. 7:30 pm. Info: Amity Buxton (510) 525-0200.

Lesbian Couples Group: Support/social group for lesbians. Meets Fri 7:30 pm at Pacific Center, 2712 Telegraph Ave, Berkeley. Info: (510) 540-6746 or (510) 548-8283.

Gay Male Couples Support Group meets wkly. Group for men in committed relationships. Info: 861-4045.

Foreskin Restoration Group for men wanting to overcome the mutilation of circumcision & restore our birthright. Technical & moral support mtgs 1st Sun of each month, 1-3 pm at MCC-SF, 150 Eureka St, SF. Spons by RECAP. Info: (510) 827-4077.

Fasting Support Group for Gay/Bi people. Meets weekly in San Mateo. Free. New fasters are welcome! Call Richard 573-8124 for info/location.

Men Against Circumcision: NAtional direct action network. Group runs a Harm Documentation Project, does Action Alerts, etc. Info: NOHARMM, POB 460795, SF 94146 or call Tim 826-9351.

Eastbay PFLAG (Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) meet 4th Tues of each month, and welcomes gay, lesbians & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: Betty (510) 547-4657 or Peggy (510) 524-8911.

SF PFLAG: Monthly support group for parents & family of lesbians & gays meets at St Francis Lutheran Church, 152 Church St at Market, SF, every 2nd Sun of the month. Gay & lesbian community members are also welcome. Info: 921-8850.

Peninsula FLAG: Monthly support group for parents & friends of lesbians and gays meets 7:30 pm, 2nd Wed of each month at First Congregational Church, 1980 Hamilton Ave, San Jose and 3rd Thurs of each month at St Bede's Episcopal Church, 2650 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park. Group welcomes gay, lesbian & bisexual persons for safe, confidential sharing & support on family issues. Info: (408) 270-8182 or (415) 857-1058.

Woman-to-Woman SM: Outcasts is an educational, support & social group for women interested in s/m between women, including lesbian, bisexual & transsexual women. Info: Write PO Box 31266, SF 94131-0266.

The Deaf Gay & Lesbian Center provides support groups for deaf and hard-of-hearing queers. For info call 885-2341 TDD or use California Relay 1-800-735-2922. Several different groups offered.

MBLGA (Multicultural Bisexual Lesbian & Gay Alliance) at UC Berkeley spons support groups, socials and other events for members of the UC Berkeley and UCSF communities. Info: (510) 642-6942.

For More Listings in the support group category, see *SF Bay Times'* classifieds in the "Open Exchange" therapy/support group section, under **"relationship therapy"**, **"recovery addiction"**, and **"incest/battery therapy."**

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ragtime musical theater feel of "Bracelets," a brilliant fashion/anti-war song suggesting "instead of dropping bombs they drop bracelets and diamonds"; and finally a funny little ditty called "Is He Gay," that almost hits a Sondheim tone—a smutty silly Sondheim tone—with two operatic female voices singing about the evidence they've collected that leads them to believe that a certain man they know is gay.

It is my strong advice to rush right out to Tower or A Different Light and purchase this motherfucking fine CD. If you have a sense of civic pride that runs deeper than the roots of the palm trees on Upper Market, I promise, it won't move its way to the back of your collection and bide time as an unplayed gay icon like your Romanovsky and Phillips and your *Red, Hot and Cole*. Like the syndrome she's named after, Pussy Tourette will be a recurring stream of naughtiness blasting out of your speakers even beyond your control. In a nation obsessed with the regulation of obscenity, let's hope for these outbursts to come out at the most inappropriate of times.

THE AMERICAN MUSIC PRESS

For the past eight months I've been reading a new rock 'n' roll publication produced locally, available for free at newsstands, cafes, clothing stores, etc., and featuring some fine new writers in the gregarious realm known as Rock Journalism. *The American Music Press* is a godsend of a publication that has quickly developed a great sense of style. Its all-inclusive scope doesn't lean too heavily toward any one particular genre like metal or goth or rap (yet isn't likely to do a feature on, say, Michael Bolton); it has a certain candor or demeanor that informs and speaks plainly, not snottily, and it employs a certain level of humor and sarcasm. It has an imaginative approach to writing about rock without slipping into convoluted self-indulgence. *AMP* is the only music magazine in existence that I can read from cover to cover without gagging or falling asleep, and you don't have to plunk down the price of a burrito to get your hands on it.

In the latest issue you'll find several pieces written by two individuals-about-town who, to my knowledge, are new to writing about music but take to it like ducks on a junebug. They are Waiyde Palmer and Gina Hall. Hall has an interview with the Disposable Heroes of Hiphoprisy that more than proves my hunch from some other earlier articles for *AMP* that Hall has a magical knack for conducting interviews and always gets something stirring in her subject, something positive rather than antagonistic. She also clearly does her homework. She's eloquent, professional and a kick in the butt to chat with, and did I say anything about fun at parties? Watch out for this one—she's got a plan and a lust for life and a thrill for good music.

Palmer also fares quite well with interviews, as proven by his chat with Jennifer Finch of L7, which started as a phone interview and grew into a casual meeting over coffee at the Horseshoe Cafe on Haight Street. His writing is personal, honest and fun and he proves something that I have always tried to show in my own music reviewing, which is, there is more than one way to review a record. The personal touches he adds, specifically in his review of the new Butthole Surfers release, give a far more effective idea of what this record is like than a clinical dissection with no heart, a comparison or two, some guitar adjectives like "searing" and "grungy," and no trace of a human being who's writing about it, just voiceless facts. Ultimately that must be why *AMP* is such an appealing publication: when I read it I hear voices. I mean, after all, rock 'n' roll is the devil's music, and *AMP* does a great job covering it.

SICK AND TWISTED PLAYERS PRESENT THE EXORCIST: A DANCE MACABRE

Speaking of the devil, after a six-month hiatus from the stage, the S&T Players are back with an ambitious production combining the oh so famous demonic possession film that caused such a Catholic uproar in the '70s and launched the unforgettable career of Linda Blair, with interpretive modern dance interludes symbolically charting the course of the possession, as performed by the Captain Howdy Dancers. Sounds pretty highbrow doesn't it? Don't worry, this flirtation with "high art" is negated by the fact that the show is presented in amazing Retch-o-rama. Protective garbage bags will be supplied to all and extensive warnings are present on all flyers and ads regarding projectile substances and more than one desecration of some of our favorite religious action figures.

Of course, many of the cast members were decidedly uneasy about applying their skills to portrayals that conflicted with their own religious beliefs. This caused several players to drop from the cast, shaken to the very foundation of their souls. Replacements were found almost instantly, uncannily in time for publicity stills, hungrily eager to work and with a surprising familiarity with their roles. That's when strange things began to happen at rehearsals: missing props, a power failure, several near fatal accidents during set construction, intermittent bouts with nausea. A member of the tech crew lost his voice completely. One dancer's hair actually changed color overnight after a particularly bad rehearsal. But, hey, the Sick and Twisted Players are, above all, true show people and the show must go on.

Catch what may be the largest-grossing Sick and Twisted Players production of all time. The other day Tony Vaguely was contacted by the Vatican with news that the Pope officially condemns this project due to its graphic nature, lurid desecration and blasphemous mockery of the Catholic religion. Performances run every Friday and Saturday night in the month of June and the first week of July at the Bernice Street Theater, 21 Bernice, off 12th Street, between Folsom and Harrison. Price of admission is $10. Phone theater for reservations and showtimes and feel free to participate in the nightly Linda Blair look-alike contest. ✿

lounging about by val c. phoenix

Where Idolatry Meets Kitsch

The members of Shonen Knife (l-r: Atsuko Yamano, Naoko Yamano, Michie Nakatani) get ready to blast off into the brave new world of Asian fetishism and infantilization.

I could swear the Beatles are back and they've changed race and sex and transmuted into the Japanese trio Shonen Knife. That's the feeling one gets watching giddy fans line up outside Rough Trade to get Polaroid pictures taken with the band. There's a large sampling of white boys, many of whom have brought their Asian girlfriends with them. The boys sigh and describe their idols as "the essence of Japan" and "adorable." Can you say "fetishism"?

The band's function seems to be to sign like robots, pose like mannequins, and get out in time to head to Chinatown for dinner. So far, so good.

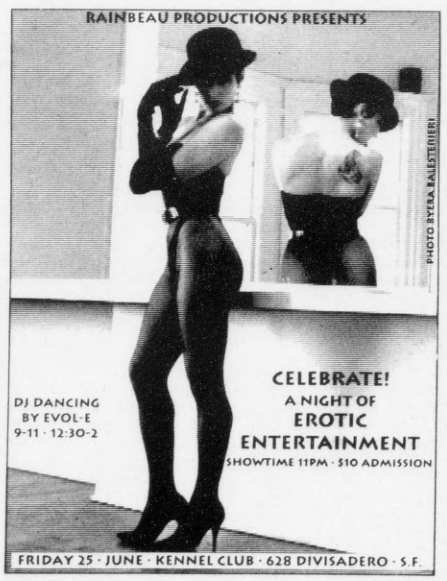
Recalling this scene earlier in the year, I would venture that Shonen Knife is suffering from major labelitis at this point. The Osaka-based band—bassist Michie Nakatani, guitarist Naoko Yamano, and her sister, drummer Atsuko Yamano—has built up a cult following in the United States through imports and scattered U.S. indie releases. This year, though, they signed with Virgin and released their first all-English record, *Let's Knife*.

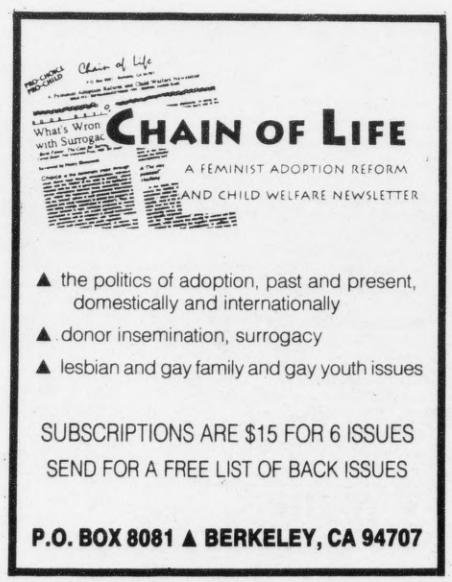
Meeting the band at their hotel during their visit to SF, I discuss some of this with Michie, with a few thoughts from Naoko. The publicity machine is not really to Michie's liking, though she's thrilled to be in SF, saying our audiences are "the best." I take it she'd rather be playing than talking, but talk she must.

In hyping the band, Virgin is playing up the cuteness factor, and pushing some very stereotypical buttons. If you go by their press releases, you learn that the band "inhabits a musical universe many light years from ours" and tackles such "weighty topics" as "food, ice cream, animals, and space ships," with "fearless naivete," "innocence and unpolished enthusiasm," and a "blissfully down to earth quality." Whew!

Watching the band members awkwardly pose for a magazine photo shoot, a woman accompanying them from Virgin says to someone from the magazine, "They're very childlike." It's amazing how that major label contract can take years off your age. Never mind that the band produced *Let's Knife*, wrote and played everything on the record, and even designed the record jacket and their own costumes (one of Atsuko's other talents).

Let's Knife is synonymous with the group's trademark pop punk, and a few songs will be familiar to longtime fans: "Antonio Baka Gai" and "Bear Up Bison" among them. Infectious pop chords a la the Ramones are the group's stock in trade, and Naoko even throws in a few wanky guitar moves onstage. They've now also invaded the TV airwaves with a video of the first single,

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"Riding on the Rocket."

Michie names the band's influences as '60s girl groups, grunge music and punk. Naoko adds that there is an element of kitsch, too. Speaking of kitsch, how about that groovy Swedish group? "ABBA! We like ABBA. I like their melodies," says Michie, giggling. "Recently, we played at the Reading Festival. We saw the copy band of ABBA, Bjorn Again. They were *so* good. So, Shonen Knife likes that kind of music. Also, punk music at the same time, so we are very mixed."

Shonen Knife is a band that'll throw you a curve. Right in the middle of a recitation of junk foods will be a reference to ecology or politics. It's worth checking that lyric sheet closely, or else you might never notice the line "Do we really need the media?" that Michie slipped into "Watching Girl."

I got a few surprises, discovering that "Twist Barbie" wasn't the feminist anthem I'd made it out to be. "Blue eyes, blond hair, tight body, long legs. I wanna be twist Barbie," sings Naoko. She can't be serious, can she?

Songwriter Naoko explains, "If Barbie is a human, she is very beautiful, and I want to be beautiful like Barbie 'cuz if I am beautiful, I will be welcomed by boys. I don't want to be plastic." Hmmm.

By contrast, Michie looks at her hands and smiles when asked about the song. "Um. 'Twist Barbie' isn't a good example, but for example, 'Bear Up Bison' is a song that has a strong message. It's about extinction of bison and 'Black Bass' also has a strong message. It's about ecology."

Says Naoko, "It is serious music, but we take many kitsch, pop things into the lyrics. The songs are about our experiences or our favorite things. There are pop cute things but there are many serious things or political problems or serious things inside our music. If people listen very carefully, they hear what we think."

Only recently has the band become popular in Japan. "There are many bands who are covering our songs," says Michie. "But, before us there were several female bands in Japan, so we are not the first thing, but we are the first thing who are more popular outside of Japan. At this point, we are very unusual band in Japan, so we are like exported and imported again."

Their own reference points being Western bands, I wonder how she feels about the pervasive influence of American culture on modern-day Japan. Does she feel it's overwhelming? "I don't think it's too much. If the person doesn't like American culture so much, the person doesn't need to take American culture," she replies.

As far as American attitudes toward the band, Michie agrees there has been a tendency to exoticize them as submissive Asian females. "I—I am a Japanese female musician. I can't change that fact. I know some people take us not so seriously and (pause) sometimes I get hurt the way I am treated. I get depressed the way I am treated, because I have my own opinion. I have my own way to live. I have lots of things to say (pause) that sometimes some people take us [as a] very, you know, cute, harmless thing."

Which brings us back to those Polaroid sessions that Virgin insists on scheduling. I cut to the chase. "Isn't that kind of objectifying you, or sort of making you into these cute little girls rather than women who are playing rock?"

Michie falters and looks uncomfortable. "I do understand what you mean, but...." Her voice trails off and she laughs nervously. Finally, she offers, "I do have *my* opinion, but my opinion can be different from the band's opinion. I don't want to say my opinion (nervous laugh) so much."

But in the end, she does, slowly and carefully. "You know, we've been in this band for ten years and we finally got this chance to deal with major label. It's a big chance for us, because last spring we all quit our daytime jobs... So now we can concentrate on only music, and the situation is much, much better than before now, and (pause) we, we are glad that the chance we have... is good."

ENDNOTES...

This weekend, Tish Hinojosa is at the Festival on the Lake in Oakland. Janis Ian returns with a band to premiere her new record at the Great American Music Hall June 6. Also, Ritmo Sazon (formerly Cana Brava) plays Cafe Du Nord on June 8 and June 15. ✿

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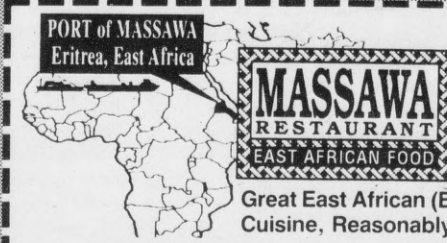

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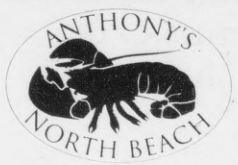

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food

BY WILLIAM FINKLE

East Bay Newcomers Make Good On Promises

Fourteen courses! $4.95! The banner outside this East Bay eatery screamed value, but would good taste be upheld in the wake of a bargain? I was anxious to see what Shan India Cuisine had to offer.

Almost as soon as we sat down, a gracious woman in a pink sari brought a basket of smoky, thin nan, a wonderful chewy version as good as any, and the perfect vehicle for three sauces I picked up at the buffet. A tangy tamarind sauce, cool raita, a yogurt-mint-cucumber sauce and a zesty chili-mint chutney sent shivers of refreshment and heat up and down my spine.

I lost track of the number of dishes available that day, between the salad bar with condiments, hot dishes, drinks and desserts. But the value of the $4.95 promise rang true, with extremely fine-tasting Indian food in comfortable surroundings. Owner Parmjit Singh, originally from New Delhi, opened Shan in February, and the family-run business has been booming ever since.

The low-key atmosphere includes comfortable padded chairs, a carpeted floor and walls adorned with Hindi tchotchkes with mystic sitar music playing soothingly. A small wine list features ordinary wines and beers, but I suggest a **Taj Mahal** beer ($2.25), which refreshes and calms the palate after some of the more piquant dishes.

I've said this before and I'll say it again: Indian food, with its blends of spices and textures, creates a wonderful play of flavors in the mouth, so that after taking a bite of several different dishes, the flavor remaining is more than the sum of its parts. Malaysia and Singapore are the only other places I know of where food is prepared in this way; both were influenced by nearby India.

Bites of some of the other breads Shan offers—**Garlic Nan** and **Onion Kulcha** ($1.50 each)—are pungent and more exciting than the plain nan. These breads are made of an unleavened dough, rolled flat and, for the kulcha, stuffed, then stuck to the stony inside of the wood-fired tandoori oven until done. The oven infuses the bread with a rich smoky taste and crisp outside that's terrific.

Chicken legs cooked in the tandoori become tender and sweet, especially when rubbed with a delicate spice mixture and paired with slivered onions. Another dish on the buffet that day, the **Masala Chicken** is stewed in a rich, spiced gravy. My favorite dish, the **Eggplant and Peas**, looked like mush but tasted full, complex and smooth. Some perfect, flowery **Saffron Basmati Rice** was another excellent receptacle for the various sauces. A side order of flawless sweetish-sourish **Mango Chutney** ($1) satisfied my craving for yet another dimension of flavor.

Too often Indian desserts are overlooked: don't forego the **Kulfi** ($2) though, where a milky ice cream is blended with cardamom and coconut for a light ending. As simple-as-can-be **rice pudding** from the buffet was thankfully only lightly sweetened and was also superb. Absolutely average **Gulab Jamun** ($2) brought fried cheese balls in a rose-scented sugar syrup, but the balls were uncharacteristically heavy. Anyway, everything else was superb, and worth a trip over the bridge for City folks, even if the price wasn't so rock bottom.

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Chef/owner Yanpun Wu of Hai Loon King. Photo by Jane Philomen Cleland

HAI LOON KING

Another great find, this one in Berkeley several blocks from the UC campus, is **Hai Loon King**, a modern-looking spot with thoroughly delicious food at low, low prices. Chef/owner Yanpun Wu and his large (six children) family run Hai Loon King, open now just over a year, and they do a fine job, offering a big how-dee-doo the minute you enter. Scribbled and scrawled messages adorn the front windows, proclaiming, "The best Chinese food ever," "I love this place," and similar reviews from happy patrons. (I daren't suggest *unhappy* messages are ever written and just not posted.) Wu spent 20 years in Korea garnering experience in restaurants, and another eight years at his San Francisco restaurant, Hong Fu. One of Wu's daughters, Patty, tells me that Chinese people who lived in Seoul all remember her father and his cooking, from when he used to cater banquets there.

An eye-catching decor cleverly combines teal padded chairs and carpeting with oddly hung lengths of bright fabric, without any of the typical Chinese restaurant decorative touches. Fiesta ware plates in assorted colors are another welcome change from the usual drab white. Strains of cheesy elevator music drone on while we eat.

At lunch, which lasts until 4:30, patrons happily choose from a long list of specials, priced from just $3.75 to $4.85. "Yeah, yeah, yeah," you groan. That's the same as every other Chinese restaurant from here to Toledo. But here, I insist, portions are enormous and the food is exceptionally good.

Hot and Sour Soup (a small costs $3.85 and feeds four), lightly thickened, combines peas, scallions, bamboo shoots, seaweed, mushrooms, eggs and tofu in a tangy, hot broth. The **Egg Roll** ($3.70) finds shredded cabbage, carrots and bamboo shoots rolled in a thin, super crisp cylinder for a greaseless treat.

Our waitress built portions of **Mu Shu Vegetables** ($4.25) for us, piling the stir-fry of assorted vegetables and egg high on a pancake, thicker than most, with a schmear of fragrant plum sauce, for a hearty Chinese burrito. A special of **Sweet Walnut Chicken** ($4.85) brought a platter of deep-fried chicken in a tantalizing sugary sauce with candied walnuts; an unusual and dessert-like combination. Perfect brown rice or plain steamed rice is a must.

Oh, how I love the chef's **Vegetarian Kung Pao Chicken** ($4.25), with a big ginger taste. Cubed "chicken" is tossed with green and red peppers, zucchini, chili peppers, water chestnuts and peanuts for a spicy-hot, crunchy delight. Another wonderful, more original dish is the **Tomato Hot Chili Prawns** ($7.50), where whole prawns are fried in crescent shapes with a crisp, delicate batter, then topped with a tangy Chinese-red mix of tomato and chili sauce.

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AROUND TOWN

I had a lovely dinner at **Hyde St. Bistro** (1521 Hyde at Pacific) a few weeks ago, if not for the food, then for the ambiance and location. I absolutely enjoyed the appetizers (warm mozzarella and tomato salad, field greens with warm Sonoma goat cheese) and the desserts (an unsurpassable strawberry-caramel tartlette, with fanciful presentation), but the entrees, save one, were not good. Still, the bistro is a charming place, with wood chairs and paneling, cheery yellows and big band music. ✿

To the copy editors: Please try to locate the material from my last column that was cut for space: a paragraph review and a paragraph on "Pet Peeves," and include the following, if you will.

classics

BY CHING CHANG

The Queen's Throat and Jessye Norman

In his recently released book *The Queen's Throat: Opera, Homosexuality and the Mystery of Desire* (Poseidon Press, 1993, $22), author Wayne Koestenbaum pioneers a new generation of literary writing on opera and diva worshipping, in a most decidedly post-gay-liberation style. A 30something English professor at Yale, Koestenbaum breaks away with a vengeance from previous works of the genre—where writers of past generations (mostly males, I might add) have indulged in prosaic descriptive narrations about a diva's dress and deportment, or compared campy hairdos to overblown emotions in song—and at the same time manages to bypass the issue of gayness altogether.

Even if we accept the criticisms *The Queen's Throat* received—mostly that it was lacking in the all-relevant social-implicative-psychological analysis (who needs that anyway?)—the book remains the only full-length work on the topic of homosexual identity and opera in recent memory, and for that Koestenbaum should be praised. It is true that the book's possible weakness comes across in the highly personal character of the narrative, which is based solely on one opera queen's perception (however collectively he assumes these perceptions have been shared), while the subtitle suggests an all-encompassing treatise of the subject matter. But if I had a bone to pick, it would probably be the fact that he failed to even mention Cecilia Bartoli, who I believe is destined to become a major obsession for the next generation of opera queens.

I guess this can be forgiven easily enough though, as one leafs through its 271 pages filled with perceptive, highly readable and deliciously liberated narratives. Koestenbaum interpolates discussions on codes of diva conduct, the unspeakable marriage of words and music, and queer moments in opera (I cannot forgive him for leaving out a discussion on *Habt mir Gelobt*, the final trio from *Der Rosenkavalier*) with his attempts to understand his need to hear Isolde's *Liebestod* five times before lunch. He also reveals that his favorite diva is Anna Moffo, and I don't even mind that.

I was somewhat disappointed that Koestenbaum didn't talk more about Jessye Norman in his book, though he lists her (not too originally—she is on everyone's list, including mine) among his top-ten favorite divas. Concert-going types still talk about her last appearances with the SF Symphony some two years ago, when she sang Brunhilde's immolation scene from *Gotterdammerung* in the most memorable concerts ever produced at Davies. Though the echoes from those performances still ring, Jessye was back at the Civic Center last week, across the street at the War Memorial, for a recital appearance.

Jessye is a world treasure, and certainly not for opera queens alone. A most beautiful woman and true artist, almost no one criticizes her craft and her glorious ability to communicate emotion through music, and still critics have compared her in size to Luciano Pavarotti, have made joking efforts to have her declared a national park, and ask

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why Marine World hasn't discovered her yet. Even fans refer to her as just "Just Enormous." Yet she overpowers all of these remarks with great dignity, conducting herself with an unperturbed grace, unafraid of beautiful, opulent dresses. In her SF Symphony concerts, she wore a gorgeous

The beautiful and talented Jessye Norman: Her voice has lost none of its power.

parachute-sized white linen dress with a dyed pattern in shades of gray.

When Jessye's queenly throat graced the stage at the War Memorial last week, the rumor that she had lost a great deal of weight was immediately confirmed. Questions remained about her vocal abilities, which were said to have suffered as a result of her weight loss; yet she had lost none of her former beauty. Dressed in a simple but elegant dress of shimmering gold cloth, she started with two sets of lieder by Schumann and Strauss, with accompanist Phillip Moll. It gave me a great deal of anxiety, because her voice was simply not making the impact I recalled from her Davies appearance, and I was worried sick through intermission as to whether her pounds and voice were gone forever. Attempting to calm myself, I reasoned that, despite the gorgeous voice she has, Jessye has never really added any new interpretive dimension to Schumann or Strauss, and hence the lack of impact these old chestnuts were having on me. Her forte is and has always been opera, where she is fearlessly committed to the character and the music.

I was reassured in the second half, in the rendition of Ravel's wonderful *Cinq Melodies Populaires Grecques*, that actually the War Memorial was at fault. She rang truer in tone, was a little more loose with herself and the less confining repertoire. Indeed, Jessye had been downscaling in volume, but it would have been a much more effective performance had she been performing in an adequate space for lieder. The early Schoenberg cabaret songs (collectively titled the *Brettl Lieder*) which followed were a surprising choice of repertoire, and gave her a chance to show those cross-over Marlene Dietrich sliding styles she's been experimenting with. After wild ovations, she closed the program with four encores: a Copland song, *Strauss Zueignung*, Carmen's *Habanera* and the obligatory spiritual, *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands*. The only sign of the alleged vocal difficulty or fatigue I was able to detect was in the form of the high B at the end of the spiritual; a note which she sang with stunning brilliance in previous concerts and recordings was rushed over and thinly produced in her upper register. ✿

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The Roof's on Fire

Ellen Gavin's play, *The Roof's on Fire*, is considerably more interesting as a drama of personal relationships than as the political tract its publicity suggests. It is based on Gavin's own experiences as one of the first women firefighters in the country. Set against a 1981 background of racial and sexual discrimination, the ambitious plot involves several interwoven stories that eventually trickle away without resolution, drawing to a cinematically spectacular but dramatically unsatisfactory end.

Gaen Connolly (Robin Karfo) is a female firefighter assigned to Fire Station Five in San Diego. She is immediately put on guard by an overt atmosphere of sexual discrimination from the male firefighters, including Billy Campbell (James Tyrone-Wallace II), the Black member of the force who is himself a target of discrimination.

Gaen's professional life is further complicated by the fact that the restaurant next door is run by two lesbians, Demeter (Margo Hall) and Adeva (Baomi Butts-Bhanji). Demeter, who is pregnant (one might guess as to the donor of the semen), is immediately jealous of Gaen, who had an affair five years earlier with Adeva.

Matriarch of the restaurant family is Fine

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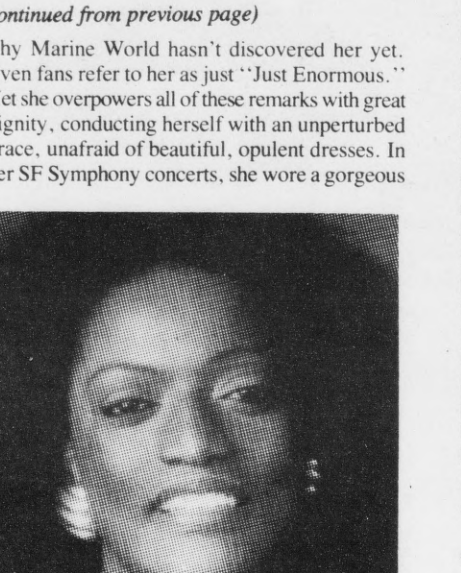

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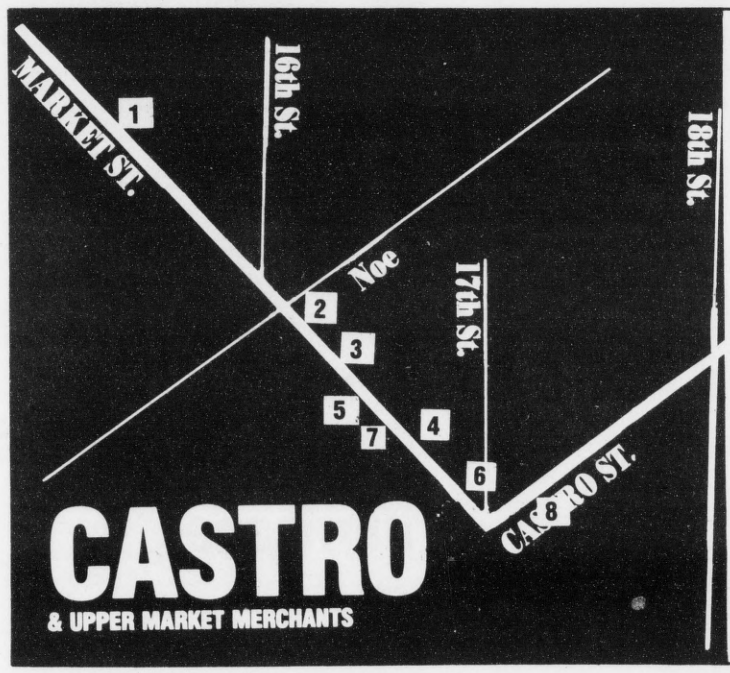

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(Margarette Robinson). She carries on at length about a long-ago vanished husband and is too often called upon to make editorial statements that pass for womanly wisdom: "The reason kids are always mad at their mommas and not at their daddies is that their daddies come by so seldom the kids are always glad to see them!"

A major confrontation occurs between the restaurant women and the firehouse personnel—challenging Gaen's loyalties—with the exposure of a ten-year coverup of a fireman's cowardice that resulted in the death of Demeter's baby sister. Simultaneously Billy is advising his captain (John Armond) that he intends to press his suit of racial harassment against a fellow fireman (Louis Landman).

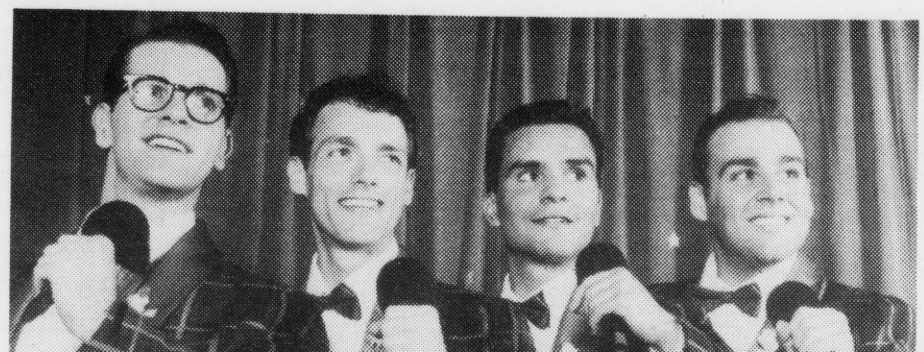
As these plot threads shoot off in several directions at once, a too-contrived denouement occurs that fails to satisfy on any level. Fine dialogue and impressive acting (Margo Hall and Baomi Butts-Bhanji are delightfully matched) make up for a script that needs clarification and resolution. The real drama is in the very believable lives of Gavin's characters, not in their political statements.

The Roof's on Fire has been extended through June 5 at the Teatro Mision, 2868 Mission St. Recommended. Call (415) 696-6970.

Forever Plaid

Thank heaven for that rip in the ozone layer that allowed the angelic *Forever Plaid* quartet to slip back to earth for one final concert.

The musical, now playing in a dozen cities across America, is a handsomely mounted, beautifully sung tribute to all of the bow-tied, madras-plaided guy groups that crooned from radios and jukeboxes until the Beatles set foot on our shores. With just a dollop of camp skimming the surface of the novelty numbers, *Forever Plaid* is nostalgia without tears. James Raitt's vocal arrangements—sounding more sophisticated than the originals—may well account for the fact that these '50s and '60s hits are more appealing now than ever before. Stacked up against today's monotonous rap, they're classics.



The plaidmeisters are back at the Alcazar Theatre (l-r): John Ganun, Robert Lambert, Roy Chicas, David Benoit.

Four guys—Sparky (David Benoit), Jinx (Roy Chicas), Smudge (John Ganun) and Francis (Robert Lambert)—have perfected their harmonies and are set for their first professional gig at the Airport Hilton's Fusel Lounge. En route to pick up their custom-made plaid tuxedos, their car is sideswiped by a "busload of parochial virgins on their way to catch the Beatles' debut on the 'Ed Sullivan Show'." The Four Plaids are killed instantly. But through some hanky panky having to do with the power of harmony and that hole in the ozone layer, they come back to do the show they never lived to sing.

And a grand show it is, offering gorgeously arranged harmonies of over two dozen pop tunes, from "Chain Gang" to "Perfidia"; from the ultra-sentimental "Shangri La" to the tender sentiment of "No, Not Much" (one of the show's neat surprises). Don't get the impression that the Plaids are a barbershop quartet stamped out of the same mold. Each Plaid has a personality as different as his day job (Sparky's in better dresses; Smudge in bathroom fixtures; Jinx in auto parts; and Francis in dental supplies).

Francis, looking not unlike the skinny Frank Sinatra who created fainting spells when he first stepped on stage at New York's Paramount, takes the lead on such romantic ballads as "Three Coins in the Fountain" and "Heart and Soul." Sparky, in a tribute to Perry Como (represented by a yellow cardigan hung over a chair), sings, "Catch a Falling Star" and "Dream Along With Me." Doe-eyed Jinx, looking as though he will break into tears at any moment, does a fine job on "Cry" and whoops it up on "Lady of Spain." Smudge takes the powerful lead on "Sixteen Tons" and "Rags to Riches."

A Caribbean medley includes a delightful "Kingston Market" and "Matilda, Matilda," and a wildly comic segment features a four-minute reenactment of an entire "Ed Sullivan Show," with frantic jugglers, a trained seal, a dog act, and every bedraggled vaudeville cliche imaginable. It was a gas.

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A Raisin in The Sun

One of the more remarkable of recent productions I've seen was the Southeast Asian adaptation of Lorraine Hansberry's *A Raisin in the Sun* that played to standing-room-only audiences at the Exit Theatre. An all-Asian-American cast of high school students, ranging in age from 11 to 18, brought new insight into this relevant and poignant drama of a minority family trying to break out of the ghetto—in this case, the Tenderloin.

Directed by Keith Grier and Glades C. Perreras, the fine cast included Tracy Diep as Ma, the matriarch and beneficiary of a $30,000 life insurance policy that will serve as a down payment on a house in the Lakeside district; Timmy Hoang as Henry, her frustrated busboy son; Channally Phanthavone as Nga, her pregnant daughter-in-law; and Vana Lam as Christine, her young daughter who wants to study medicine. Minor roles were also well performed by Nhung Nguy as Henry's daughter Tracy; Khoa Nguyen and Sokly Ny as Christine's boyfriends; Joe San as Henry's potential business partner; and Billy Truong as the unctuous Chinese representative of the Lakeside neighborhood protective association, who has come to offer a profit on the house if they will agree to move somewhere else.

As head of the relatively Americanized family that has lived for ten years in the Tenderloin, Ma is adamantly opposed to her son's plea that the money be used to open a liquor store, but as a sop to his pride, she gives him $20,000 to deposit in the bank. As naive as he is greedy for success, Henry turns the money over to a man who will procure him a liquor store license. The man promptly disappears.

It is the character of the teenage Christine that perhaps best reflects the cultural yin and yang facing recent immigrants to America. She feels a natural desire to assimilate and be accepted by her peer group and boyfriends, but she is also concerned with retaining her traditional Asian values. Her incisive wit and pragmatic outlook are undoubtedly extensions of the playwright's attitudes.

Hansberry's 1959 drama is as pertinent and moving in its present context as it was when set in a Black Chicago ghetto, and the Vietnamese Youth Development Center may well take pride in this production. There is a possibility it may be reprised when exams are over and school is out. If so, don't miss it.

Keith Grier's next production is an all-African-American production of *Streetcar Named Desire*, opening June 24 at the Y Theater of the Central YMCA. ✿

Anne Galjour's solo piece "Hurricane" brings you to the bayou.

Hurricane

Enchantress Anne Galjour has returned to the Climate Theatre with more tales of life in the Louisiana bayou country. As in her previous *Alligator Tales*, she continues to intrigue us with her polished imagery of nature that is not always benevolent, including the ever-present hot breath of sex, and the smells of rotting logs, spicy gumbos, basil-rubbed deer turning on a spit, and a marinating aligator tail.

With a slight turn of her head, a quick brush of her flowered skit, a recharge of vocal inflection, she moves easily into each of her six characters as they go about their end-of-summer lives, with routines as simple as someone shelling peas on the porch steps with a wary eye for the alligators that heavy rains have driven up into their yards.

Sherelle, ignoring the cancer eating at her body, drapes her chest with religious medals that cause her breasts to tingle whenever shock-haired Urus (who has been struck twice by lightning) comes near. Self-reliant sister Inez, for whom the pursuit of redfish to fillet is a way of life, has literally hooked a suitor, scuba diver Marlon. Neighbor Rosetta, preparing a wedding anniversary dinner, defrosts the cake, places the miniature bride and groom on top, and waits for husband Grady to come home. Meantime she stares at walls lined with the stuffed ducks, fish and alligators that attest to Grady's hunting skills.

When the radio warns of approaching Hurricane Wanda, Rosetta bolts the Virgin Mary to a two-by-four in the front yard grotto. But the Virgin is knocked from her perch; not by the hurricane, but by Grady, who backs his truck into the grotto.

The hurricane comes, battering and challenging the bayou people with its violence and leaving behind the drowned body of Inez's beloved dog, Michael. She douses her dead pet with Estee Lauder prior to its burial. "We passed through a hurricane," Rosetta says, as though it were the "amen" to a prayer.

A program note states that *Hurricane* is the first part of a long story. One hopes an enterprising publisher will produce Anne Galjour's work in book form. Even without the author's dramatic and vocal skills in creating the moody atmosphere, the scents of exotic cooking, or the aura of eroticism, this work should make fine reading.

Henry Steele directed; John Mayne designed the simple set that owes much of its effectivenes to the lighting of Novella Smith; and Laura Hazlette designed the costumes.

Hurricane continues at the Climate Theatre Thursdays through Sundays at 8 pm through June 27. Highly recommended. Call 626-9196.

The Music Man

This year's Mountain Play is the nostalgic charmer, *The Music Man*, Meredith Willson's ice cream-colored tribute to 1912 Middle America. And let me not waste a moment in advising you that one of the show's many assets is the gorgeous soprano of San Francisco's own Sarah Dacey as Marian the Librarian.

Seldom produced in this tight-budget era of intimate musicals, the composer's book and score of some 20 tunes is perfect for the undaunted imagination of the Mountain Play's creative staff. Ken Rowland has created the entire main street of River City, Iowa—bank, livery stable, pool hall, library and Marian's house—further adding a train that puffs its way across stage, and a Wells Fargo wagon that pulls in with the band uniforms in the nick of time.

Patricia Polen has whipped up 70 pastel-shaded costumes for the townspeople, and choreographer Larry Pech puts his dancers through some fancy footwork. For the finale, the entire San Mateo High School Band parades through to the rousing beat of "Seventy-Six Trombones."

Shyster salesman Harold Hill is sung by John McDill, a role he first created in this company's 1983 production. His characterization was so ingratiating that we almost hoped he would pull off his scam. Early on, however, his singing lacked authority and projection, but by the second act he had redeemed himself.

The plot is as simple as a fairy tale: Stranger arrives in town with the intention of selling nonexistent band instruments and uniforms to the kids' parents and making a run for it with the cash. Fortunately for the moral of the tale, he falls for prim Miss Marian, goes straight, delivers the goods and gets the girl. The show is off and humming with Harold's first big number, "Trouble," then takes a turn for the romantic with Marian's exquisite "Goodnight, My Someone," and her dreamy "My White Knight."

The second act features the barbershop quartet on "Lida Rose," sung in tandem with Marian's "Will I Ever Tell You?" John Turnbull as the lisping youngster Winthrop proudly sings "Gary, Indiana" (written without an "s"), and Harold and Marian join voices on the big duet "Till There Was You."

Any Mountain Play production is a spectacle designed to please the whole family, and this year's *Music Man* is no exception. Take a picnic, some tanning lotion, a pillow, a hat (maybe even a sweater) and go. There's nothing quite like it. You can park at Tam High or the junction of 101 and Rt. 1 and shuttle up.

The Music Man continues at Mt. Tamalpais State Park Sundays at 1 pm through June 28. For tickets or information, call (415) 383-1100. ✿

Stand-up comic gone mad monologuist Madine Ish.

Snapshots From The Asylum

Sometimes publicity photos accompanying a release can be so misleading as to serve as a turn-off. This, I must admit, was the case with Madine Ish. She looked like Bette Midler on a bad hair, bad smile, bad costume day. But I caught her one-woman performance piece at the Marsh anyway, and—joyful tidings—Ish delivered a poignant, often outrageously funny, autobiographical monologue. She dredges up scenes from a childhood that embraced a battered mother, and alcoholic father, and incest, then recalls her disillusionment with Catholicism, recurring commitments to mental institutions, shock therapy and her own trials of motherhood.

In mismatched clothes, a ragtag hairdo, childishly smeared lipstick and sad, trusting eyes, she greeted us from the rec room of an anonymous asylum. "It's therapy," she explained, feverishly working on crayon-colored scenes of her life. Then, out of the blue, she asked, "Is one of you my father? I'd like to find the son-of-a-bitch."

In a one-sided, stream-of-consciousness conversation, sometimes with herself, sometimes with us, she meandered from one disturbing image to another. One moment she suggested that all rapists should have penis prints for ease of identification, the next she revealed that she is one of 16 children. "They came out like sausage links," she said, drawing an illustration for us. Her father beat her mother regularly but with each subsequent sobering up came a new household appliance. If the beating were severe enough, the huddled children might guess that tomorrow would bring a new TV.

Ish cautioned us to pay no mind to the other inmates, especially the one who thinks she is the Virgin Mary (although in her confusion she tries to wash that inmate's feet). And why have historians ignored the fact that Mary was nailed to the same cross as her son? Ish asks. Because she was nailed to the *back* of the cross and nobody bothered to look back there! Ish giggles with childish delight.

Lying flat on the floor in front of us, Ish creates the disturbing illusion of a patient locked in place for shock treatment. Her body quivers erratically with each electric charge. Then, rising, she tells us the treatments are supposed to rid her of short-term memory. With a matter-of-fact innocence she says, "I need to get rid of my *long*-term memory."

On two occasions Ish steps out of her asylum persona to read some intensely personal poetry. Poignant as these writings are, they break the momentum of a woman ricocheting from one fractured personality into another, on the brink of self-discovery.

A street performer in San Francisco in 1979, Ish has since opened for Phyllis Diller, the Talking Heads and Sam Kinison, and has performed at the Los Angeles Comedy Store. Her frequent incarcerations in asylums have resulted in *Snapshots From the Asylum*, an intensely personal vision of hell.

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Play Dead

Five new one-act plays on themes of death and show business by four San Francisco playwrights ran through last weekend at the Bernice Street Playhouse. Three of the writers met through a class taught by Daniel Curzon at City College, decided to produce their own work, and invited their instructor to join them in their first production.

The opening and closing one-acts, *Career Move* and *Killer Pizza*, were written by Ellen George, directed by Mike Campi, and featured Campi, Denise Norris and Matt Weimer. With little more construction than one sees in a "Saturday Night Live" blackout skit, both plays turned on surprise O. Henry endings. *Career Move* had to do with an actress staging a "faked" scene to impress her agent, and *Killer Pizza* involved a bit of threatening S/M with a pizza delivery boy.

In *Thought and Deed*, written and directed by Paul Mendoza, the complex relationship of four friends/roommates/lovers suffered from an overdose of exposition (the potential was for a longer play). Laura Heppert and Dawn Westlake were especially fine in a sensitively written scene revealing their lesbian relationship. Mendoza and Derek Pearson were the somewhat overwrought men in their lives.

Gavin Impett's *Inventors Are Better*, directed by Michael Garrigues, featured a woman conducting a park bench interview with a prospective murderer-for-hire. Fearing that her lover is plotting to killer her, She (Cat Schaulis) has decided to pre-empt him, and bargains with He (Colin Hussey) about terms for commiting the deed. This black concept suggested real dramatic potential but the digressive dialogue tended to dilute the theme and the ending failed to achieve any impact.

Dan Curzon's *The Murder of Gonzago*, directed by Penny Wallace, was the longest piece of the evening, allowing for more fully realized character development. In it, a group of playwrights who produce each other's plays gather for a staged reading. In a clever switch on Albee's George-and-Martha game, the playwright-within-the-play distributes dialogue parts that turn out to be devastatingly accurate character analyses of the readers themselves. When the outraged readers pause in protestation, they discover they are still reciting the very lines the playwright has assigned them. It's bitchy good fun on a one-joke note, and all six actors—Owen Baker-Flynn, James Jack Duane, Carole Goodrich, Julie Hull, Dennis McIntyre, and especially Drue Mackintosh—make the most of it. With nowhere to go, however, the plot limped to an over-extended ending. Perhaps a murder of the playwright-within-the-play might well have been in order.

Jay Bigos (l) and Frank Gedden in the round-robin of sexual couplings, "La Ronde II". Photo by David Allen

La Ronde II

Reviewed by Tom Kelly

Unadulterated adultery. Promiscuity. San Francisco in 1979. Ahhh, sweet nostalgia. However, the incessant celebration of gay sex is *not* so sweet as seen in *La Ronde II* by Eric Bentley, currently playing at the Alcazar Loft. Love's got nothing to do with it in this all-male adaptation of the 1896 Schnitzler sexual round-robin.

The Alcazar Loft has been converted by the London Pacific Theatre Company into an SF disco complete with mirror ball and throbbing music. Virile, young, hairy-chested, muscular waiters/ushers freely pour bubbly champagne (Domaine Chandon) into the teensy glasses provided. Enjoy the pre-show because, surprisingly, this is as sexy as the fornicating free-for-all depicted in *La Ronde II* gets.

A hustler offers a freebie to an arrogant young soldier. They have a quickie (about four seconds). Then the soldier fucks a young art student who later makes it with a lawyer who does it with a businessman who then fucks his own lover (!) who.... You get the idea. By the play's end the V.I.P. winds up in bed with the hustler from the play's beginning. The resulting impression of the cycle of couplings is, strangely enough, Morality. Each affair results in rejection and/or guilt.

Eric Bentley's script remains true to the premise of the original. But ultimately the staging provides the biggest problems. *La Ronde II* is not pornography, although it visualizes ten incidents of intercourse. While there is a certain audience expectation of ultimate voyeurism, there's nothing to see since sex is never actually realized onstage. Instead, intercourse is buried under a blanket, hidden behind a panel or coyly placed just out of sight. The occasionally awkward staging results in sporadic nervous laughter. The chase/flirtation/seduction and accompanying dialogue must command the audience's attention, but in the course of *ten* couplings, monotony inevitably results.

An assortment of handsome men decorate the stage. Some are fine actors, but others are not. Especially good are Frank Widman, Carlo D'Amore, Jude Herrera and Blaine Souza. Director John Higgins delivers an uneven evening of entertainment, coaxing out only infrequently strong acting moments and effective visuals. The white walls of the Alcazar Loft and poor lighting make visual ambience virtually impossible.

If you want to watch gay sex, rent a porno video. What *La Ronde II* features is an evening of disconnectedness—not only between characters but unfortunately between presentation and audience. A tough show to produce, this one needs more than the few good moments it currently offers.

La Ronde II at the Alcazar Loft, 650 Geary Street, until June 26. $20. (415) 749-1790. ✿

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Dueling diva Weslia Whitfield.

Dueling Divas Raise $10,000 in AIDS Benefit

The tenth anniversary of the closing of Trinity Place, flagship of San Francisco cabarets, was celebrated last week when eight divas took to the stage at the Great American Music Hall to raise money for the AIDS Emergency Fund and Under One Roof.

A full accounting was not available at press time, but Joe Ellis, manager of the now-legendary venue, reported, "There are a couple of bills outstanding, but it looks fairly certain that we netted $10,000 for the two beneficiaries." Ellis, who masterminded the event along with former assistant manager Barbara Daitch, gave much of the credit for the evening's success to those intrepid benefit co-producers Don Johnson and Gary Menger.

And what an evening it was. Sharon McNight flew in from L.A. to emcee the first half. She opened with a particularly potent "Sisters," adding an extra instrument to the band with her own vocal saxophone. She was joined by Gail Wilson for a sassy version of "Class" that was one of a number of highlights on this roller coaster down memory lane. Her scattershot of *bon mots* included some funny zingers at the expense of her offstage "sister" divas.

Weslia Whitfield and sidekick Mike Greensill brought some classic sounds to "The Lamp Is Low" and the evening's most poignant ballad, "Why Did I Choose You?" Whitfield also whiplashed her vocal chords through a rousing "Guys and Dolls."

Val Diamond blew out the candles on her onstage birthday cake and, with breath to spare, delivered a powerful, emotion-packed "Crazy" that sent the audience into a frenzy. Band singer Wilson advised us that what we assumed was her body was actually a feat of cosmetic engineering, then laid out a set that featured a lovely Nat Cole medley. Nicholas, Glover and Wray, looking terrific and singing even better, did their specialty "sister" medley of Boswells, McGuires, Andrews and Pointers material and returned later to back up Wray's devastating take-off of Connie Francis.

Samantha Samuels, polka-dotted in black and white, sang her "rose" medley from the balcony, then took the stage to emcee the second half. She reprised her stunning drag impression of "What Makes a Man" and the last song that was ever sung at Trinity Place, "Ciao."

Ruth Hastings & Company (vocalist Craig Jessup and Barry Lloyd on piano) sang "Old Friend," a delightful "Let's Fly Away," and the old wartime tearjerker "We'll Meet Again," which laid about as much nostalgia on the crowd as it could handle.

Linda Bergren, who drove the farthest (from Tracy) to be part of the diva-fest, sang Janis Ian's "Stars" (the story of every cabaret singer's life) and a lovely "Meadowlark."

Sharon and Ruth returned for a duet on "Sweet Dreams," then Ruth led the divas and the audience through "Amazing Grace" to close the high-spirited and occasionally teary reunion.

The house band was comprised of Scott Cady on piano, John Hettel on bass and Gregory Van Sudmeier on drums. Other pianists playing for their divas included Ted Pinkston (Bergren), John Turner (NGW) and Ross Gualco (Diamond).

There is obviously an enthusiastic audience for an all-star cabaret show like this (it was sold out two weeks in advance); there are already tentative plans to mount another show a few months hence. ✿

One of These Days II: The Lost Episode

Crazy, kooky and sometimes kinky cavortings comprise *One of These Days II: The Lost Episode* (a sequel to last year's hit), which had a brief run recently at Josie's Cabaret & Juice Joint. Written by and starring Joe Leonardi and Jeff Thompson, *The Lost Episode* continues to stretch the premise of the TV show "The Honeymooners." The two main characters are the ever- bickering, gay, grownup children (now rooming together in a Castro Street apartment) of the old TV show's neighboring couples.

Leonardi plays an attractive and slutty cosmic kook, whereas Thompson portrays a hefty (recipient of countless fat-phobic jokes) crank. Both actors excel in comic timing. Supporting them is a wonderful ensemble including Robert Coffman as the elderly landlord (recipient of many age-phobic gibes) who delivers dry witticisms with razor sharpness, a savvy and sensitive lesbian neighbor zestily played by Pamela Forrest, and her Rambo-esque ex-girlfriend portrayed by Sabrina Matthews (recipient of bunches of butch references). This terrific cast, with the able direction of Joe Weatherby, wrings laughs from virtually every moment.

From the play's beginning, one can't help but experience deja vu: the plot is as well-worn as any episode from the golden age of television. The real fun stems from the storytelling itself, which is filled with witticisms, surprises, misunderstandings and all-too-accurate observations on the human condition. Plot? Simple. Ted has forgotten roommate Frank's birthday. But "luckily" at the last moment, the well-intentioned friend realizes his omission and throws together a *very* bizarre, not-so-happy "surprise" party.

Only in California, and probably only in San Francisco.... Life in Bedlam-by-the-Bay provides the uniquely kooky backdrop to these crazy characters. For example, upbeat Ted blissfully works as a babysitter for the inner-children of famous locals (including Angela Alioto and Frank Jordan). But universals also abound: money (especially the rent) is a constant problem shared by the roommates, and poor Frank must contend with being overweight in a community of cuties.

A buh-zillion-and-one great one-liners, and perfectly perky performances make for a great evening of light entertainment. Despite their oddities, fights and deceptions, the characters are all caring (occasionally bordering on hypersensitive) individuals who try to do their best. A warning to the politically correct—some of the humor will probably prove offensive. But those seeking an evening of fun, fantasy and frivolity, should keep an eye out for it. The play should run this summer at another Bay Area venue. ✿

film

Interview With Pratibha Parmar

by Randy Turoff

Pratibha Parmar is this year's recipient of the Frameline Award, for her significant and outstanding contribution to lesbian and gay media. Parmar is a British-based Indian filmmaker known internationally for her wise, politically incisive, visually evocative and passionate documentaries and short films. She's best known in the States for her award-winning films *Khush* (1991), about the experiences of South Asian lesbians and gays in Britain, India, and North America; and for her feature-length documentary *A Place of Rage* (1991), which contextualizes the radical lives of June Jordan, Angela Davis and Alice Walker in terms of the Civil Rights Movement, then and now.

A retrospective of Parmar's work will play at the San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival, and will include earlier films such as *Sari Red* and *Emergence*. Her recent *Double the Trouble* will also be screened along with an excerpt from the just-completed film *Warrior Marks*, which she made with Alice Walker. You can spend "An Evening with Pratibha Parmar" on June 22 at the Castro Theatre.

The following interview was conducted this past April when Parmar was visiting the Bay Area. Articulate, intense and personable, she spoke directly about many things, including: her background, lesbian politics, identity choices, homophobia and racism, sex in the script of her future narrative film, lesbian videos on British TV, closeted revolutionaries and friendly connections.

(SF Bay Times) Could you tell us something

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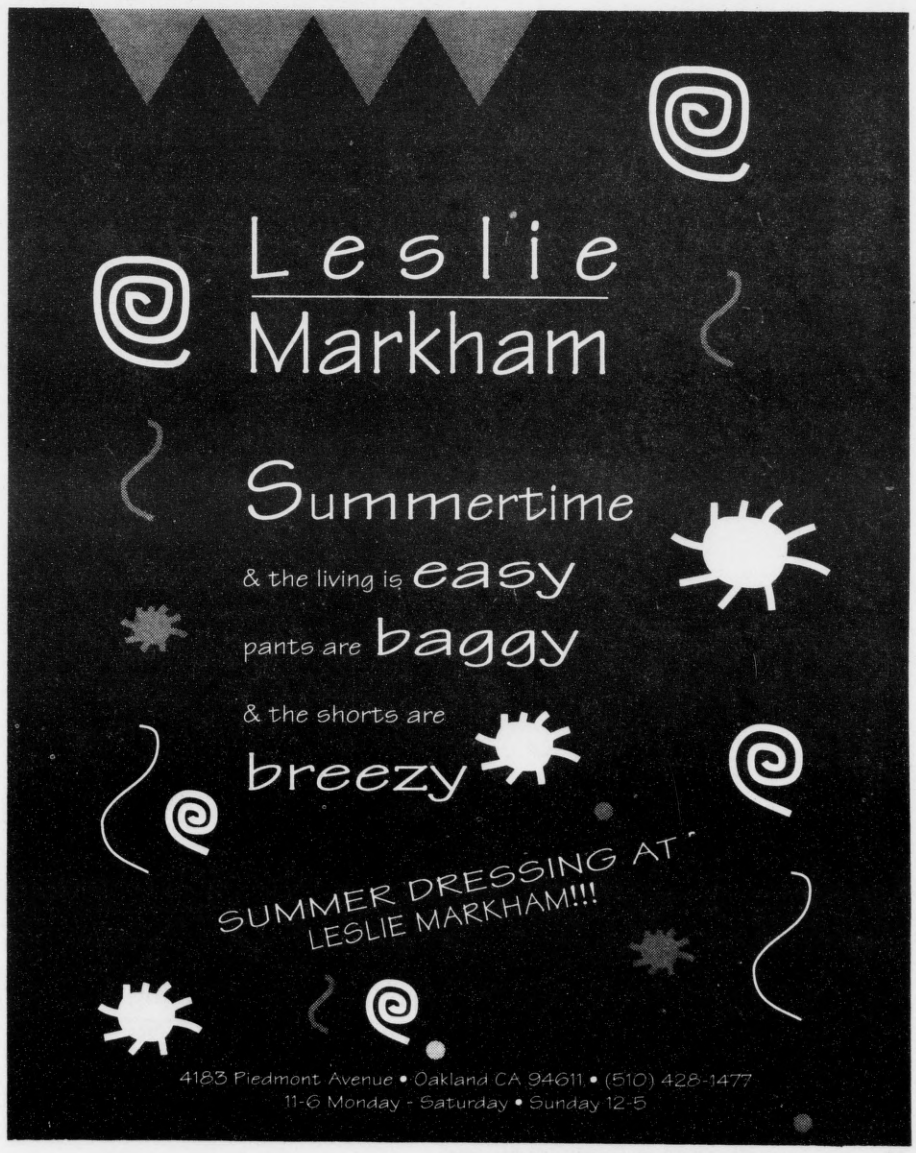

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about your background and lesbianization?

(Pratibha Parmar) I was born in East Africa, in Kenya. I lived there until I was 11, and then my family moved to England, where I've lived since and where I had my formal education. I didn't visit India for the first time until I was 20. I'm a member of the Indian diaspora.

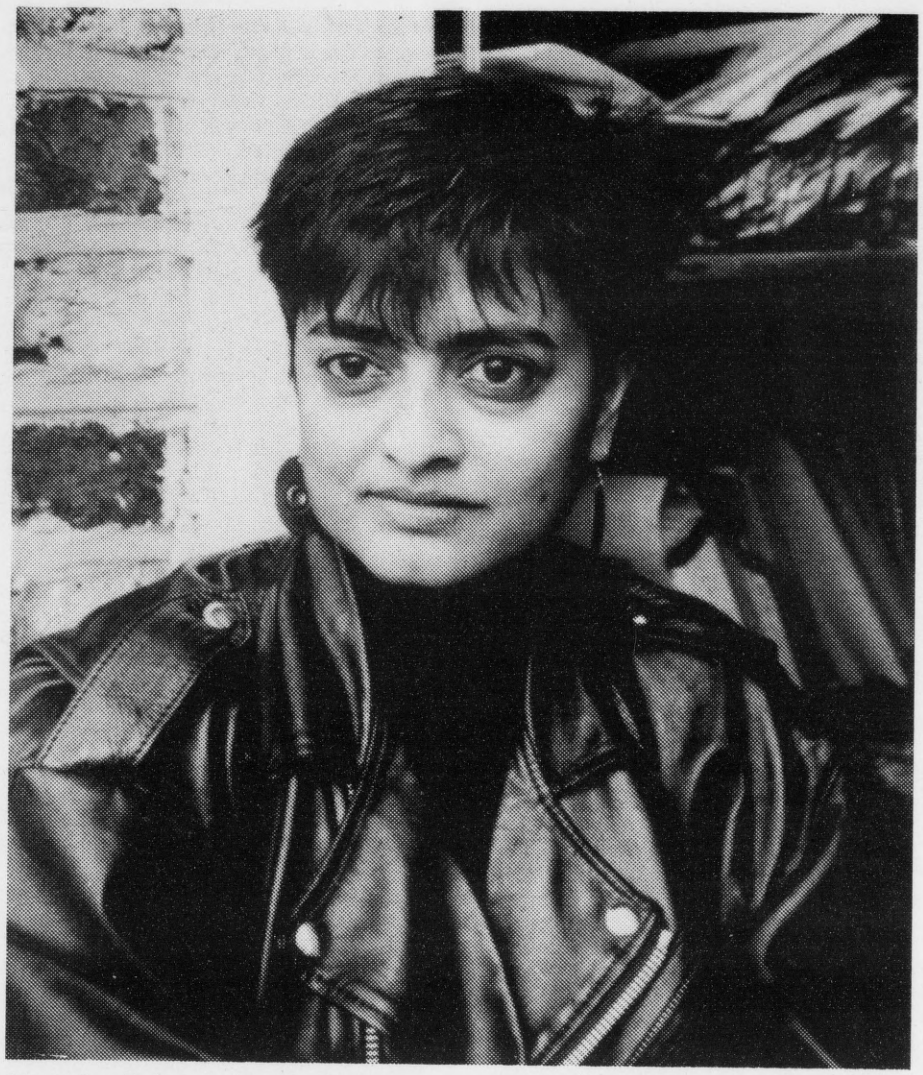
In terms of my lesbianization, I really came to my sense of identity as a lesbian as a result of the Women's Movement of the '70s and '80s in England. I became aware of feminist politics and finally realized that there were many choices available and that one could actually choose one's sexual identity. The tyranny of heterosexuality which existed and which was so deeply rooted was usurped when the women's movement came along. Feminism first gave me a language to be able to articulate my feelings as a lesbian, and the rest took off from there.

When did you first start identifying as a woman of color?

Subjectively I began to identify as a person of color at age 11 when I moved with my family to England. There was a terrible racism that existed when we arrived there. The British saw me and my family and community as a group of aliens who threatened to colorize and taint the lily-white purity of Britain. I was immediately aware of my difference because of my color. But politically I was much more conscious and aware when I became involved with the anti-racist movement of the '70s. The anti-racist movement and the Black Power Movement were strong in Britain. I found the language suited the articulation of my experiences as a woman of color. These movements from North America were felt worldwide and the Black Power Movement became a powerful symbol of hope for many oppressed people around the world. The writings of Angela Davis and June Jordan inspired a whole generation of political activists and intellectuals in Britain. Again, it gave me a framework to express the experiences I was going through personally and it gave me a language to speak from a perspective within my community.

A Place of Rage came about because of my friendship with June Jordan. Her writings are sharp and powerful and I used to teach a course at the university on women, race and culture and I utilized June's writings for the course, so I was already quite familiar with her work. Then she came to England to do some readings. I met with her to conduct an interview for *Spare Rib*, a magazine in England, and June and I became very good friends. Then I facilitated the publication of two of her books which had not been available in England.

I went with June to Paris, where I met Angela Davis, who was there at the time. I knew immediately that I wanted to do a film about their lives and the impact that these women and women like them have had in making and shaping history. I started the fundraising rounds and Channel 4 (in Britain) liked the idea. As I researched the project I met Alice Walker, who knew both of them. Alice's stories about her involvement in the Civil



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Rights Movement were so interesting that I decided to include the interview with her in the film. The primary focus is on June and Angela, but I also have guest appearances from Alice Walker and Trin T. Minh Ha.

In A Place of Rage, *all the women draw parallels between homophobia and racism. June Jordan, Angela Davis and Alice Walker all address the issue of being radical feminist women of color and the tightrope they walk as feminist-identified (in their allegiances with white women—who they are not). They speak of being Black-identified, including their allegiances to Black men—who they are not. June Jordan is very out, but neither Angela Davis nor Alice Walker come clean about the tightrope they dance on while being not exclusively heterosexual.*

Even in the authorized film bio of Alice Walker, Visions of the Spirit, *any footage about her lesbian or bisexual life was eliminated. How do you feel as a radical lesbian feminist woman of color … toward this glaring omission?*

I think that as far as I'm concerned, I'll confine myself to the parameters of my film, *A Place of Rage*. The parameters of the film are concerned with the role of African-American women in the Civil Rights Movement and the Black Power Movement. I focused on June Jordan and Angela Davis because they had particularly interesting and completely different histories and they have different political understandings of different situations. Angela Davis' background comes from a Marxist framework. June Jordan's perspective is informed by other kinds of activities that are much more grassroots—from living in the Black community and the women's community and living as a poet.

All of them talk about choices they've made about where their energies as political activists will go at any particular time. I think that June Jordan has a very broad range in terms of the mix that she makes both personally and politically around movements for lesbian and gay rights and rights for people of color. Her platform is one of civil rights and freedom for all people.

I asked all of them the same specific questions and each of them responded in her own particular way. That's something I've got to respect. These are the choices that they have made. The way they wish to articulate their allegiances to whatever freedom movement, is their individual decision.

Tell us about the making of your new film Warrior Marks.

When Alice Walker wrote her book, *Possessing the Secret of Joy*, she came across a lot of information while doing her research. She wanted to do a documentary on female genital mutilation. Because we had gotten to know each other during the making of *A Place of Rage*, she approached me and asked me if I'd be interested in directing and producing this documentary. This was before the book was published. She sent me the manuscript and I found it extremely good. As a feminist, I've always been concerned about issues of violence against women worldwide in any culture and in any community. This is one particular example of what can and is being done to women. It was at the instigation of Alice Walker that this project came about. We started collaborating and now it's just about complete. It's shot a lot in Senegal, where we talked to women who had been mutilated as children and we talked to women who are active feminists and who have been campaigning against this. I stress the aspect of women's voices of resistance to this practice, rather than to focus on women as victims. Much of my filmmaking is informed by the view of women as survivors; women's resistance to violence and injustices.

Who do you make your films for? Who do you find your audience to be?

I would like my audience to be as broad and diverse as possible. That's partly why I work for television—particularly Channel 4 in Britain. You can reach a mass audience. Over a million people can be reached with one broadcast. Television has its limitations but it can be innovative in terms of informing mainstream audiences. I'd actually like to see my films being distributed educationally and at community centers and all across the board. At the same time I don't want to compromise in terms of my content or themes or the language I use in my films.

Channel 4 started 11 years ago. It's basically set up as a television station to redress the balance in view of the lack of programming for minorities. It was originally made for communities not represented on other channels. There's a big struggle now to keep it going in this direction. Channel 4 is fairly competitive for getting the mainstream viewing audience. We have very few TV stations to choose from in Britain, not like here. The station commissions work and gives independent filmmakers a chance to show their work. There's one good man and his assistant on the board who have consistently supported, facilitated, and enabled work by lesbians, gays and people of color to be shown. Unfortunately things have become more difficult since the station no longer receives subsidies from the government but has to raise its own funds. And you know that the people who suffer most from the new policies are inevitably lesbians, gays and people of color.

Have you shown your Indian films in India?

It's very difficult to show videos on TV in India. They have their own system where they don't buy films or videos from the outside. A couple of my videos have been shown briefly. As for *Khush*, it hasn't been shown in India because a number of people I interviewed for the film did not want to come out in an Indian context. They didn't mind coming out outside of India, but they didn't want to be on Indian TV.

What are you working on for the future? Do you have any plans for a narrative film or a big sexy movie?

[Chuckling] Actually I do have a sexy film in mind. In fact I've got the script, even though I don't have any funding for it yet in Britain. It's an obsessive lesbian love story about an older woman with a younger one. It's harder for me to raise money for drama. But this is an idea I've had for a while. It's a good story and it will work well in dramatic form. I have a passion for documentary films. But after these last few films I feel frustrated at being seen only as a documentary filmmaker. In a way there's also more control in drama with what's being said, and I like that. Film is ultimately a construction by the filmmaker of a kind of reality. Film is a manipulative medium, after all. I'd like to work with that. ✿

Sex Is... Overrated

by Ming-Yeung Lu

Sex is overrated—which is the untold truth in Marc Huestis' new film. Given a three-star review by the *Chronicle*, *Sex Is...* had its San Francisco premiere on May 21 (it was

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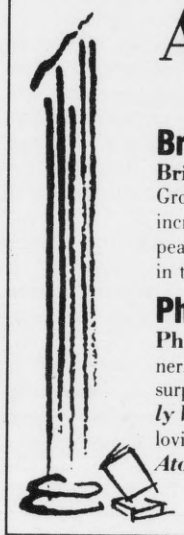

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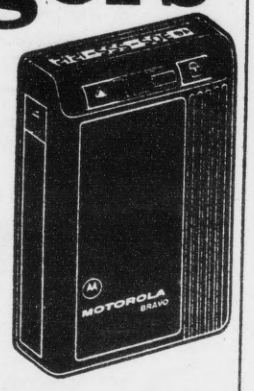

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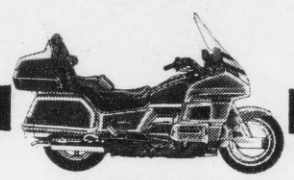
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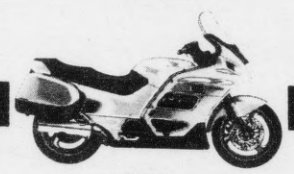
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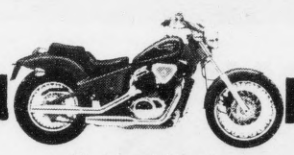
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previously shown in Washington, D.C., during the March). The Castro Theatre was packed with an audience that was—with the exception of the crew members and friends—understandably mostly male, as far as I could tell. As it turned out, the audience—a roomful of expectant gay men breathing on each other, their seats getting hotter each minute—had to sit through the longest pre-screening entertainment routine within memory. In short, it *dragged.*

Not that the routine itself was wanting in highlights. It featured the ever-enchanting Justin Bond, flaunting a sculpted hairdo like she was destined for the starring role in a Sharon Stone-inspired remake of *Breakfast at Tiffany's,* and the fabulous Pussy Tourette, whose rendering of "French Bitch" deserved at the very least the word "immortal."

Even with the blessing of glamor, the communal rituals—self-congratulatory speeches, routine invocations of the tragedy of AIDS, and automated applause and boos—were beyond getting used to. Perhaps someone should note that a large part of better sex is more imaginative foreplay, plus an element of surprise...

... Which was *not* quite what greeted the audience when the film finally began. And this ability to amaze would diminish as the two hours wore on. The film opens with a witty dedication which reads, "Funded in part by the National Endowment for the Arts and dedicated to the memory of Jesse Helms." A clever line, but it unfortunately sets the tone of political posturing that mars the rest of the film.

True, Helms represents that part of America most resistant to change (or plain reality). But does it strike anyone that the repeated reference to the devil, the arch-enemy of gay liberation, is just a bit *tired?*

In any case, the best way to confront Helms, Thurmond and Buchanan, et al, is to turn their argument around: While they make love a political issue, and politics a kind of moral crusade, we should counter that sex, and whatever spiritual value it has, is none of the government's business. In other words, sex is not political...

... Which is *not* exactly what *Sex Is...* insists on saying, given its penchant for polarized and personalized politics. Those of us who expect the film to fully touch on the intricacies, the ups and downs, of eroticism, are to be disappointed. The film brushes through the sensual aspects of sex, mostly at the very beginning with the interviewees reminiscing about their "firsts." My favorite is when one of them relives with relish the moment of his deflowering at the Chicago Museum of Art—the relief of recognition amid all the excitement and fear. Sex is art meeting life.

Curiously, the film barely touches on S/M, the best example of why politics has little bearing on sex. Huestis himself mentions S/M experiences, but only in reference to his "dark period." The story that really stands out—one of the best moments in the film—is when Wayne Corbitt, the African-American performance artist, tells how he is turned on by serving a big white South African. Very intense! Yet isn't it interesting that the only time when the film cries "sex is not political," it is in relation to the question of race?!

All in all, the talking-heads format, designed to enhance the impression of real-life stories, works well. Credits should go to the editors who have done a great job in minimalizing the format's monotony. But to have the director himself appear as one of the interviewees is, in my opinion, a mistake. Huestis is not content to tell his own story. He often inserts his director's commentary, which has the adverse effect of over-amplifying his own voice, drowning others, like someone talking not so much in your face but into your ear.

You are constantly reminded that this is *his* movie. Whatever stories the other interviewees have to tell are all submerged in the film's central narrative—a baby boomer's version of gay history. This history begins with "sex is liberation," a celebration of self against conservative culture and parental authority, through the outbreak of AIDS when "sex is death," to the present era of "sex is *not* everything." Enter intimacy, relationship, commitment and monogamy. Sex is safer sex...

... Which sort of sums up *Sex Is...*—safe and dry, but not without room for experiments. As long as the film is telling the good old growing-old story of a generation of gay men, it is effective. That's why the presence of "youths"—Alex Chee and Miguel Gutierrez—is little more than token. They are there to give a circular neatness to the central narrative. For a director who obviously still fancies the idea of "sex is liberation", the wet dream of baby boomer boyhood—this "new generation" serves as the mouthpiece for an evergreen revolution.

Hence the ever-haunting figure of Helms. Hence, too, the two causes celebrated in the film—AIDS and censorship. If we win the battle over them, the kingdom of freedom is come. While this is a worthwhile story to tell, it is an often told story, perhaps *too* often.

Do we really need to go to Sally Jesse Raphael to broaden the "terms" of what sex means to us? Indeed, "gay men who are sick and tired of sex-crazed gay culture try to find stability by marrying women" may not be as laden with "self-hatred" and right-wing propaganda as it sounds. But we don't have to go that far. Even within the confines of *Sex Is...* there are unfulfilled potentials, stories that remain half-told.

Alex Chee, who is otherwise almost unintelligible, tells a chilling story of child exploitation. For a while, it looks as if the film is in danger of confirming the stereotype of gay men as victims of child abuse. But instead of, say, developing it into the question of sex and responsibility, the film never lets the issue of sexual abuse go beyond "Recovery 101," as one of those evil things from the Dark Ages called B.C. ("before coming out").

If coming out has saved the saint and the slut, it doesn't make them less two-dimensional. The porn star Brad Phillips, who cuts a strong and silent Clint Eastwood figure, could be fascinating if the film had allowed us to glimpse beyond a mere footnote of loneliness that is supposed to make him appear more like the rest of us—thank god! Jim Glyer, the gay pastor, who is also the token senior citizen, brings hope to lonely souls when he tells us that he met his lover in his 70s. But the moment he launches into the metaphysics of sex we are once again hopelessly lost.

When all is said and done, *Sex Is...* is not without its better moments. No one can illustrate AIDSphobia with more grace and finesse than Ms. Single Housewife. Her attitude of "celibacy with no regrets" certainly commands respect. Madame X's line, "Sex is me, I am sex," is designed to spread across many chests and breasts, while Wayne Corbitt is full-fledged flesh and blood. And everyone leaving the theater that night must have felt seduced by Danny Castellow, who enlivens his ingenuous presence with the most electrifying gaze ever. Meanwhile, the cozy love sparks between ex-hippie couple, Larry Brinkin and Wood Massi, go to show that gay men can be lesbians (a compliment, mind you)!

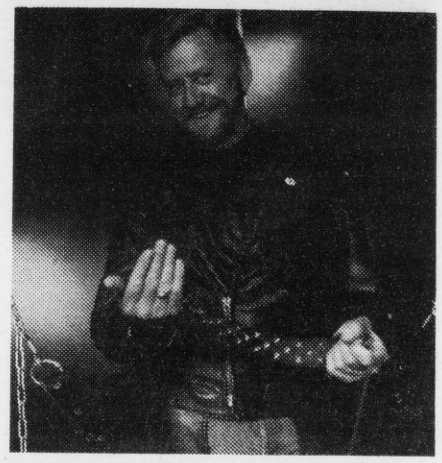
One of the simple lessons we can learn from Michel Foucault is that talking about sex is not necessarily "liberation"—especially when we are expected to confess according to the party line, whether that be "recovery," "repression" or "oppression." But before we reach the purity of "Sex is sex is sex," a la Gertrude Stein, I'd like to bank my hopes on those "..."—the shimmering dots of possibilities that promise, if nothing else, surprises. Maybe sex *is* "...". I think it was Isak Dinesen who once said that one should always be faithful to the story—that is, to living itself. And then, in the end, silence shall speak. ✿

the leather chronicles

Periodically I will present a guest columnist, introducing them with an explanation of who they are. These guests will write in their own style about subjects of their choice. I hope readers will enjoy the change of pace. I feel it is important to include other viewpoints and personalities in order to give a total perspective of the leather community. This was the original reason why I started this column—to give a broad range of coverage. Still, I will always make sure you are kept up to date about all the community happenings.

Don Thompson, SF Leather Daddy VIII, has been active in the leather community for many years and is responsible for the production of the Father's Day Beer Bust & Dating Game, the Leather Daddy Contest, the Daddy's Boy Contest, Fetish and Fantasy and the Daddy Awards.

I have known Don for about six years and have grown to have great respect for him. Don's writings have impressed me, and I am sure you will be equally impressed. Please feel free to send your comments to me at: PO Box #4, Redwood City, CA 94064. Future guest columnists will include Queen Cougar, Ms. SF Leather '93; Irwin Kane, Leather Daddy X; and Skeeter, Dyke Daddy II.



Don Thompson invites you to sample the joys of world travel.

The World of Leather

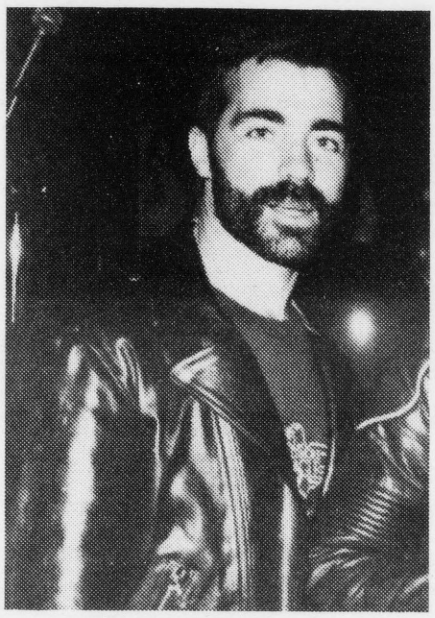
by Don Thompson

Saint has written several times in the past about the bond that exists in the leather community. It doesn't exist only here; it is a worldwide bond. If you're a leatherperson and a traveler, friendship awaits you around the world. Before I flew to New Zealand last year I wrote to the motorcycle club in Wellington telling them that I was a member of the California Eagles and would like to meet with some of them when I got there. They wrote back immediately with a number to call on my arrival. I did so and, to my delight, not only was a lavish dinner party waiting for me, followed by a tour of the few gay bars in the city, but they also had a reception and party for me the following night. As an added bonus, the president of the club, who happened to be the public relations director for a major airline, saw to it that from then on all my flights were upgraded to business or first class!

Last month I did my third concert tour of Australia (when not wearing my leather South of Market, I'm a musician). This time I used an organization called Gay Hospitality Exchange, a leather-oriented group that finds members places to stay with like-minded people throughout the world. They found me excellent accommodations in three cities. In Perth, I stayed with a couple of leather guys who took me around the sights, the

bars, the cruisy places, and were very good company. In Adelaide, I stayed with another couple who took me to an aboriginal play, showed me several sidewalk cafes that I otherwise wouldn't have known about, and gave a party in my honor. And in Cairns, I stayed in a magnificent home right on a tropical beach. In exchange, of course, you are expected to host leather-oriented visitors from Australia, Canada and Europe from time to time—and who could object to that? Could be quite festive! For those who are interested in the Gay Hospitality Exchange, call Dick Manning at (415) 864-5239 or write to the organization at 4337 18th St., SF 94114. It is a nonprofit organization; there are no fees involved. Even if you don't intend to travel yourself, you could have some interesting visitors!

My hosts in Cairns work at a new gay resort called Turtle Cove, the only one in the world with its own private beach, I believe. The restaurant was superb and the ambience unbelievable, with after-dinner drinks under the trees, overlooking the beach in the moonlight. I heartily recommend it! Many airlines are now suggesting you fly into Australia via Cairns and if you're planning to go to Mardi Gras, what better way to get over jet lag than to spend a few days at a private gay beach near the Great Barrier Reef?



IML Lenny Broberg: A tough act to follow.
Photo by Rink

FUN AROUND TOWN

The National Leather Association held a weekend conclave here, and among the events was the S&M Circus presented by Jaquie Jewels at the Bear, hosted by IML Lennie Broberg and Intl. Mr. Drummer, Emerson Briney.

I have to say that the event as it was staged at the Eagle in previous years was more satisfying. The Bear just isn't big enough. The sound system leaves much to be desired and it isn't really a leather bar, with the result that the audience is often not entirely sympathetic. But Jaquie is a fine leather boy, and Lennie and Emerson struggled manfully against great odds, and the management of the Bear was very cooperative. They mean well, but it just doesn't work there, unfortunately. Some money was raised for NLA and for the Godfather Service Fund, however, so we can't look a gift horse in the mouth, as they say.

Richard Faust, Intl. Mr. Cheeks and Chaps and Mr. Watering Hole Leather (don't you love all these multiple titleholders!) hosted an event at the Eagle on Sat., May 22, to say thank you and farewell to Lennie Broberg after a wonderful year of hard work. If there's anything to be proudest of in leather pride it's people like Lennie: He worked unselfishly throughout the year and just never said no to anybody (except a few lewd drunks—right, Lennie?). Following the example set by his predecessor as Mr. SF Leather, Mitch Johnson, he just worked his buns off and set an example of his own which will be difficult to emulate. The evening was also a send-off and "wish you well" for Northern California contestants to IML. Hopefully it won't be "politically incorrect" to give the title to California three years in a row! Hope they don't think it's time for someplace else to get a crack of the whip.

Leathermen gather around the leather flag at the rally following the AIDS March on May 23. Photo by Rink

Saint also mentioned motorcycle runs in a recent issue. Contrary to popular belief, you don't have to own a motorcycle to go on a run; you don't even have to know how to ride. Of course if you do, so much the better; you can enjoy riding with a group but you can enjoy the fellowship and fun just as well if you go by car. There is always parking available and these events are great fun. Everybody who is anybody (and quite a few who are nobody) in the leather world usually shows up for a major run. The next one is the California Eagles' annual run to Finnon Lake. This is a delightful spot in the Sierra Foothills, a great campsite for white water rafting, canoeing, bike riding, or just hanging out and relaxing. This weekend costs $90. You take your own tent, of course, but all food is provided (the Eagles really do you proud with three first-class meals a day, cooked by a professional chef and served by the Eagles themselves—and there seems to be an open bar all day and night). White-water rafting costs an extra $45 but it's well worth it. I did it last year and it was great fun. Not for the fainthearted, however. Run T-shirts are $10, but otherwise everything is included and whether you want to ride your bike there or drive there you had better book early—spaces are limited. Write to the Eagles at PO Box 14665, SF 94114 (and enclose your check). The run is for the entire weekend of July 16-18. There are bike events, buddy events, entertainment and just general good fellowship. You might even get laid! Go for it!

For those of you who don't have much leather, or would like to renew your older items, keep June 20 in mind. That afternoon, as the "Perpetual Leather Daddy of San Francisco" (Mr. Marcus' description), I am producing for the nth time the annual Father's Day Beer Bust and Auction at the Eagle. Usually we sell lots of used leather, but this time we have been given a wonderful collection of brand new stuff: leather jackets, police uniforms, a bondage table, a leather bedspread (worth at least $1,000), several pairs of boots, some startlingly unusual hoods, erotic art, plus quite a collection of toys and restraints. We also have the first 50 issues of *Drummer* and a Febe's vest among the nostalgia items. Come down early; the stuff will be on display for viewing and trying on from 2 pm on. Bring your checkbook, credit card or cash. Proceeds go to the Godfather and to the AIDS Emergency Fund. The fun element will be provided, all being well, by our good friend Danny Williams and the Leather Dating Game. Always the best laugh of the year. Be there; win a date; buy a new outfit to wear to it; get some toys to play with after dinner!

Fri., June 4, the Academy is hosting a pansexual S/M play party South of Market. Call 882-1134 for details.

Final news flash: Leather Daddy IV Tom Rodgers (my titular great, great grandfather) was held up at gunpoint in his office this week. But what really ticked him off was that the guy suggested tying him up. Can you see it? Tom Rodgers bound and gagged. Delicious! If you want to know what happened, ask Tom—he'll be on the Finnon Lake Run. ✿

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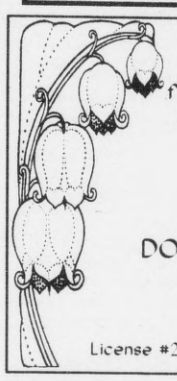

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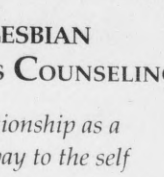

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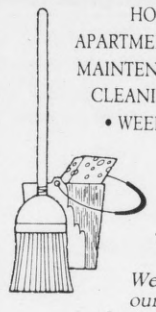

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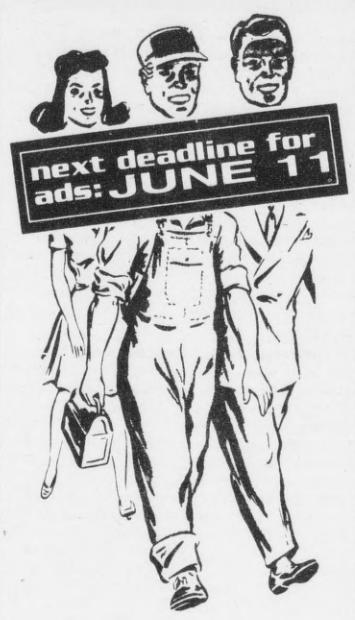

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Jewish Women
Jewish lesbian, soon-to-be 40, seeks Jewish women for friendship and dating, leading to a LTR. I'm ready for a committed, monogamous relationship, and want you to be too, but I want to go slow and steady, to develop friendship and trust first. I enjoy CW dancing, a variety of folk/ethnic music, bicycling, walks, movies, theater, dining out. I'm shy at first, but with the right woman, oy, can I talk! I'm funny, honest, sensitive, dependable, very affectionate, sensuous and sexual. Prefer to meet East Bay women who are honest, sincere, good-natured and want to enjoy life and love to the fullest. NS, ND, not allergic to cats. Light alcohol OK. Give me a call and we'll talk! Call ★★6566.

One Of A Kind
And one in a million at the March on Washington. Unique in my humor, my love, my loyalty. At 41, trying to get pregnant and looking for friends and lover to share my life with. NS/ND, light alcohol okay. Intimacy, processing, adventure are encouraged. Call ★★6567.

Where Are You, Idgie Threadgood?
Tall, collegiate bottom, 25, with some serious curves, seeks beecharmer with a quick smile, shining eyes, a sense of humor, and a butch or androgynous look. This laughing Amazon will romance you like no one else can, and I'll even wrestle with you, laughing all the way. I give good letter, so write me, dear heart, and include a picture. Women of all colors respond! PO Box 9151, Oakland 94613 or call ★★6568.

Sage Essence Twin
Wanted by 3rd level old (lesbian) server. Michael says you're here. Other Michael students and metaphysical dykes also welcome to respond for fun, frolic and serious discourse on this and other lifetimes. Reply BT Box JN1A.

In Search Of A Partner
You are adventurous, can enjoy activities indoors and outdoors, are 12-step sensitive and sex-positive, in tune spiritually, in late-40s to early-50s. I am center to butch, 51 yrs. young, in recovery, spiritually evolving, believe in therapy, and looking forward to a caring, committed partnership with the right lesbian. Please no alcohol or drug users or S/M. Reply BT Box JN2A or call ★★6569.

The Mind Meets Shakti
Charming and creative psychologist wishes to share herself spiritually, sensually and intellectually with another lesbian doctor in the humanities field with creative interests. If you are between the ages of 35 and 43, are emotionally and spiritually aware and physically toned, let's talk over sushi! Reply BT Box JN3A or call ★★6570.

Please
Have a sense of humor, a dog, emotional maturity, height (over 5'5"), physical fitness, an adventurous spirit, love of the outdoors, a lesbian orientation, attractive feminine/androgynous looks and energy, a down-to-earth, mellow yet energetic, ambitious personality, be in your mid- to late-30s, a nonsmoker and a fun person. Cute, androgynous/soft butch type with a lot to offer interested in meeting new women for fun and possible LTR. Call ★★6571.

Friendships
I'm 32 y.o. and I'm always waking up. I'm waking this time to the fact I haven't enough friendships in my life. I enjoy walks, bike rides, talking, laughing, camping, swimming, dancing, hugging, playing guitar, etc. If you think you'd like to talk and see if we may engage in one or more of these activities or one or more of your choice, leave me a message. Thanks. Bye. Call ★★6572.

Low Key, Hard-Working
39 y.o., ultra soft butch, seeks new friends or mature, lasting, romantic encounters. I'm well-read, therapied, seasoned, professional. Enjoy hiking, film, comedy. Interested in feminism, social issues, spirituality. Have penchant for intelligent, sensual, extroverts, 40+, but appreciate wide variety of women. Value trust, honesty, communication. NS, minimal drinking, considering parenthood. Please write or call. Reply BT Box JN4A or call ★★6573.

True Love In Santa Clara County?
My best friend says someday love will just click. No more trying to fit square pegs in round holes. I am an honest, sincere, intelligent, creative, 31-year-old blonde, on the feminine, athletic side, who lives in Los Altos. The only smoke I like comes from a campfire, my favorite drink is a milkshake, and the strongest drug I take is for my sometimes aching knees. I love doing outdoorsy stuff, working with my hands, reading, cooking, and much more. I am looking for a monogamous, fun relationship with a similar woman who knows herself and what she wants. Call ★★6574.

I Am Passionate
About romance, humor, learning, growing, honesty and no-games communication; long massages, long, hot kisses, and your undivided attention in bed. I adore flowers, foot rubs, good wine (in moderation), softball, tennis, dinner parties with friends, the A's, movies, the *Chronicle*, children, camping, and quiet nights at home in front of the TV. I am 37, thickly built, spiritual (not religious), NS, playful, supportive, curious as a kitten and enjoy giving as much as receiving—but enough about me, tell me about you. PO Box 3265, Oakland 94609.

Watch Out For The Babe Trap...
Two single, feminine, attractive, 30something lesbians seek same with these qualities: well-balanced, healthy-minded & bodied, growth & goal oriented, creative, socially conscious, adventurous, present in the moment, good-hearted and passionately enjoy life. We are organizing a group to meet on a regular basis to make new friends and have fun. If you're interested and feel that you are within the age range of about 30ish to 40ish, write us a letter describing yourself with a photo (not necessarily of yourself!). Write to 4104 24th St., #218, SF 94114 or call ★★6575.

You Are Rare
And so am I. We're tired of the meat market and much of the lesbian scene. We've felt for a long time that "she" is out there, but oh so hard to find because we'd rather spend time alone, reading, pursuing creative, cultural, intellectual, spiritual and physical activities than going out "there" and looking one more time. You are exceptionally beautiful (Mary Elizabeth Mastrantonio type); you enjoy being a woman; you are sophisticated; you love to laugh and play; you're beyond past relationships and neurotic hang-ups, yet constantly growing. I am very attractive, 5'8", weight proportionate, fun, intelligent, curious, creative, charismatic, growing personally and professionally, and very selective. I want quality. I'm a young 44 and I want to take you to Olivia's 20th Anniversary Concert. Call ★★6576.

Shy Hermit
Recently emerged from cave. Discovered there's more to life at 45 than books, music and photographic equipment. I have some trepidation about looking as seriously for a relationship as a personal ad implies, but I'm not getting anywhere by not looking. East Bay preferred, no smokers, drugs or anyone who uses the words "postmodern" or "deconstruction" on a regular basis. Reply BT Box JN5A or call ★★6577.

Decent Proposal
32 y.o. attractive prof. femme seeks same for sex-positive dating. Interests include theater, dining out, weekend athletics. Non-PC. Call ★★6578.

You, Yes, You!
I know that most people read the personals for entertainment and my what interesting things people advertise that they are willing to do. Then there are those of you who have a slight curiosity about meeting someone new, maybe a friend, buddy or lover. This ad's for you! I'm really a nice person, not bad looking and fun to be with. Give me a call. Yes, you! Call ★★6579.

Discretion Sought
I am a discreet, lipstick wearing, hair dying, mainstream suburbanite GWF trying to figure out how I can meet people of similar backgrounds. I am a college graduate, professional, financially secure, own my home, play golf, attend concerts, plays, flea markets and street fairs. Enjoy conversation, dinners out, trips to the outreaches of the Bay Area, but am not into drugs, smoking or addiction to alcohol. I have a great sense of humor particularly when it comes to myself, and I haven't the faintest idea what I am doing writing to a personal column. I put enough faith in luck that someone with similar interests to the above might see this and respond. At least we might play a round of golf. Obviously I am not into butch, but I believe everyone has their own style and is entitled to it. I don't know the nuance behind the term androgynous; I'm not militant, nor do I stand out in a crowd. I consider myself an ordinary person with friends and acquaintances. I just happen to be gay. If you, or someone you know, might be interested in meeting someone like this, please write. I am in the age bracket late-40s to early-50s, but don't let that stop you. I am 5'2", probably could lose 20 pounds (probably won't) and am really sincere in my search for a means of meeting people like me. I live in the outreaches of the East Bay, if location matters. I am frightened by doing this, but think it might be worth a try. Reply BT Box JN6A.

Let's Get Serious—Okay
Looking for a relationship, someone femme centered, under 5'5", Peninsula area a plus. Be attractive, I am. I'm fit, butch centered, make-up wearer, who enjoys romantic times. I'm someone who has love and time to give, outspoken, honest. No chronic analyzers, heavy types—no extremists, no drug/smoke. Over 40; I'm 40. Love movies, dancing and home life. Lesbian only. Call ★★6580.

Night And Day
Fuzzy, brainy blonde seeks dark beauty for a lifetime of collaboration. Wrap me in your long dark hair until dawn finds us awash in love and hope. I'll make you "number one" in my life, you'll be my love goddess and teddy bear. The golden arches await you... Call ★★6581.

Transitional—47
Ecofeminist vegetarian well into working through family of origin issues and working on a career. I love nature & hiking, clay, woodwork, radical politics, theater, music. I'm adventurous, spirited, warm-hearted. I admire Sonia Johnson and am working toward a more simple, alternative lifestyle. I'm an Aries-Libra-Gemini and seek a sweet, gentle/fierce woman. Also I love to play and am looking forward to the WCWMCF. Call ★★6582.

Looking For LTR?
It's not easy but I'll settle for a few dates with you and see what develops. If you are 38-48, under 5'5", non-butch, compassionate, affectionate, love museums, bookstores, movies, comedies, outdoors, life and possibly me; and can tolerate bad jokes and my philosophical views, you might want to answer this ad. I don't take drugs, alcohol or smoke, but I do soy sauce. Call ★★6583.

Outrageously Normal
My best days are spent on horseback, tending my roses, adventuring in any of Roddenberry's worlds, or creating adventures of my own. 40 y.o. Peninsula professional with Southern heritage and sensibilities seeks companion to share these good times and new ones. Flexibility, creativity and integrity are my highest values and will be treasured. Interested? All responses will be answered. Reply BT Box JN7A or call ★★6584.

North Bay
46-yr-old GWF seeks femme women for good times. Not really looking to settle anyone down, just love to wine and dine. No drugs please. Reply BT Box JN8A or call ★★6585.

Everyday Butch
Big tits, small hands. Taste for leather. Twisted sense of humor. New Yorker by birth. Interested? Call ★★6586.

Hey There Georgie Girl
Remember when Lynn Redgrave had some meat on her bones? Looking for soft butch, solid and stable. E.B., 40s, nonsmoker, with political and spiritual life, playful yet intense, somewhat renegade. Me...? Rubenesque, soft, affectionate, recovering, opinionated but spiritual, enjoy the usual (film, dining out, etc.) and unusual (thrift stores, sci fi/horror genre, Motown). Want to meet that special woman and live happily ever after? Yeah right! Call ★★6587.

Bay Area Preppy
Midwest origin and 15 yrs. of teaching college level have made me hopelessly preppy. Sports, outdoor activities, dancing, exploring new places are some of my favorites. I believe in honesty, monogamy, the Simpsons, popcorn, Schnauzers and John Phillip Souza. If you have a good sense of humor, 30s-40s, nonsmoker and value friendship as much as love, let's talk. I'm shy at first, but warm, caring and fun-loving. Call ★★6588.

Friends Or Lovers, Let's Groove!
25, 5'7", tattoos, butch-like and goofy. Loves film, photography, motorcycles, cooking, eating out, Herb Alpert—rave. Social drinker, no drugs. I have a charming array of pets and a wacky sense of humor. You should be 21-28. No intellectual snobs or New Age hippies need apply. Call ★★6589.

Looking For Daddy!
Or mistress, master, etc.... Whatever you identify as. I desire S/M-B/D play within a committed, monogamous, long-term relationship based on honesty, respect, chemistry, and compatibility. I'm lesbian, 20something, short brown hair, brown- eyed, 5'4", weight proportionate to height, and mostly or exclusively bottom. You're lesbian, top or switch, butch, femme, or anything in-between, 20-45. Let's get together and see what else we have in common. Call ★★6590.

Suburban Siren—
Or Fremont Frump? It's all in the point of view. I choose to think positively. Zoftig, 54-year-old granny who's over the hill but ready to roll. Writer (mostly erotica), former hotline volunteer and women's rap group "facilitatrice." Love people, my family, my Lhasa Apso, music, spirituality, humor, word games. Woman-identified bisexual woman. Married, non-monogamous. Seek non-judgmental friendship, loving, caring, nurturing—offer same in return. Call ★★6591.

Love
Is a miracle built on a foundation of honesty and trust and is nurtured by a caring and devoted friendship. I still believe in miracles, how about you? This emotionally healthy, available, warm, attractive, soon to be 40, 5'10", fun-loving, financially secure, Virgo woman seeks same for new dreams, adventure and friendship. I enjoy: gardening, tide pooling, Pauline's Pizza, ferry rides, KKSF/KBLX and discovering Victorian B&B's along the California coast. Are you ready to create a miracle in your life? If so send descriptive letter. Reply BT Box JN9A or call ★★6592.

Gay In Marin
37 y.o. entrepreneur, enjoys outdoors, singing & Coca Cola, seeks other Marin women who are looking for new friends. I have a good sense of humor, many friends & am physically fit. Looking for feminine lesbians, NS, no drugs, for dinners, movies, Star Trek TNG, and camping. Have boat, need driver for waterskiing. Why are there so many ads for men & so few for women? Don't wait, call now. Call ★★6593.

Friends Wanted
Walks on the beach, swimming at lakes, a dog-lover & who enjoys comedy. I'm easygoing, 30 y.o., Hispanic & shy at first. Live in East Bay & want to enlarge my group of friends. If you have time, feminine to soft butch, 20s to early-30s & seriously want to make new friends, call ★★6594.

I Am Your Womyn—You Are Mine, Too
My dearest Gardenia. Yes, my eternal love, we are doing great. These past 16 months, the Goddess has blessed our union with peace, love, joy and abundance. No one has ever loved me like you do. You are my special little girl, my sexiest womyn, my greatest lover, my everlasting heart and soulmate. Yet the best is forthcoming. With friendship, love and family, life is worth living cozier. Thank you for being who you are. —Daddy.

Does Anyone Believe...
That one can really be good friends without anything else? I'm "married" & happy w/my relationship. Would like to create long-term friendships w/others who have free time for walking the beach, bowling, watching movies, hanging out & talking. I live in the East Bay, am 31 y.o. Couples also welcome as me & mine could get together w/you & yours. Call ★★6595.

Ex-Zebra KT
You called several times and I missed your calls. Please call again. I don't have your number and I'd love to talk to you. —Another ex-Zebra JG. Call ★★6596.

Gal Pals
Woman new (relatively) to Bay Area seeking friends outside workplace. Church and square dancing not realistic forums. Looking for other women in 30s-40s with sense of humor and proportion, brains and imagination who are looking, too, politically aware great, politically intransigent not. Would love company for day trips and (finally) getting around to exploring Bay Area. I am athletic, energetic, curious and game, but isolated in Oakland. Smart-ass types especially welcome. Haven't met any yet. Call ★★6597.

One Wish—One Femme
Do you look straight? Have I seen you and thought you were? Are you feminine to the bone? Are you comfortable in lipstick, make-up, silk, Ann Taylor dresses and pumps? Would you wear a gift from Victoria's Secret under your business attire? Do you have legs and looks that stop traffic? Can you appreciate fine dining, opera, fly away weekends, flowers, being spoiled? Will you sip champagne in a bubble bath, listen to the jazz masters, accompany me to NYC for visits home? Be 30-up, GWF/LF, Italian or European mix. Be slim, petite, or in-shape, straight-looking, employed a must! Me: 5'9", slim, athletic build, blk/br, sharp dresser, clean-cut look, educated, well-traveled, cultured, stable employment. Be sure you're feminine, very attractive, slim, honest, employed, available and educated. Be attracted to androgynous, strikingly handsome women. Don't be offended if people think we are a handsome straight couple. Imagine the possibilities... Call ★★6598.

Princess Charming
Somewhat shy, romantic professional seeks princess charming to sweep her off her feet. Raised in the Midwest with traditional values, I am looking for a soft butch woman, 30-37, educated, employed and moderately athletic. Pickup truck and cowboy boots a plus. NS, ND. Call or write and tell me about your ideal first date. Reply BT Box JN10A or call ★★6599.

Make My Day
Tall, attractive, Black female seeks to be hood ornament for Gay Freedom Parade's Dykes on Bikes. Call ★★6600.

Attractive European Woman
Looking for women in late-30s/early-40s who are serious minded and down-to-earth for friendships and more. I am 42, sensitive and communicative, stable, a part-time co-parent and political. I speak Spanish and am also looking to meet Spanish-speaking lesbians too. Nonsmoker. Call ★★6601.

Here I Am!
38-year-old, warm, honest, down-to-earth, good-looking butch, enjoys photography, outdoors, good books, movies and theater. Wants to meet feminine, fun-loving, outgoing woman for friendship and perhaps more. Race is not an issue and women of color are encouraged to reply. All calls will be answered. Let's communicate and see what the summer brings. Call ★★6602.

Let's Play
I'm looking for lesbians 35+ who are interested in getting to know me slowly by playing a conversation game. I want to develop emotional trust in this way before anything else happens. But let me say the game can be really fun and has its creative aspects. I'm 40 and have varied interests. No drinking, drugging or smoking please. Call ★★6603.

Incurable Romantic
I am looking for you if you enjoy feather beds on cold wintry nights, warm summer walks along moonlit beaches, horseback riding on brisk autumn days & hikes through wildflowers in the spring. 42 y.o., attractive, sensitive, financially secure femme looking for same (35-45) to share a friendship & some dreams. Commitment not necessary—honesty a must. Not looking for women who hate men or want to look like them. Reply BT Box JN11A or call ★★6604.

Daddy Dear
Through all the years, I looked for you and waited./ Now I can't remember a time without you softly residing in my heart./ You and I are children together, babies, womyn, mothers, warriors, lovers, friends./ At last I feel safe enough/ To heal myself, and listen to my own heart./ Together we become our highest creative essence & our souls will never lose each other again. —Your Gardenia. Call ★★6605.

A Love With No Limits
Deep and fierce, tender and still, spiritual, creative, honest, courageous, emotional and playful. Let's go slowly and build a solid base of trust, communication, growth and monogamy. I'm warm, affectionate, expressive and able to be intimate. I want to explore unchartered territories with you and create a relationship that enhances and transforms us. Nonsmokers only, 35-50, all races and ethnic groups. Call ★★6606.

Intellectually Inclined Woman
Seeks lesbians between ages of 33 & 50 for fun & perhaps more. I'm cute, androgynous, sensitive & affectionate by nature. Presently, I'm into looking after my health with organic foods & sensible living. I enjoy long philosophical conversations, films, dining out, old growth forests & dancing. My interests include speaking French, classical music, reading & writing. Bonus points for tall feminine women. Call ★★6607.

Seeking "Older" Woman
25-year-old dyke, 5'8", slim and strong, wants to meet women, 35+, for safe sex and possibly more. I'm tired of the trendy club scene and crave uninhibited, honest exchange with "older" woman. Butch, femme, talk show hosts, moody bitches, perverts or whatever else. But please no anti-pornography activists, bigots or fantasy censors. Call ★★6608.

My Draedle
Bear-ellen, genius, world traveler, classical scholar, linguist, librarian, bodybuilder, mystic, pianist, author, birthday girl with perfect feet, Crusader. Meet me in the bathhouse later, please? I'll do anything you want. I love you. Call ★★6609.

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Old Fashioned Love

I: 35 y.o. Black female, hard-working and honest. I enjoy sports, playing & watching, music, dancing, talking, movies; but most of all I believe in romance—the old fashioned kind, wine and roses, candlelight dinners for two, walks on the beach and picnics. Seeking someone who also believes for friendship/LTR. No games, no drugs. Call ★★6610.

Literate Leo Lesbian

Seeks literate women over 32 for conversation, culture and nature experiences. Friends or lovers—who can plan these things? If I smoke, can you cope? Laura Nyro, T.S. Eliot, classical and '50s doo-wop music are good. I'm Jewish, progressive, and more butch than you are, hopefully! Please call me for coffee or tea or a trip to the ocean. Reply BT Box JN13A or call ★★6611.

Good Coffee

Good sex, fine champagne. Twinkling wit, heart-honed wisdom. Guffaws, giggles, grins. Appreciates the lightness of being, has passion for art. Insistent hands, delicate fingertips. The pure ecstasy of sweating at the gym, of nights spent wildly dancing, of softly breathing in mother nature. The delight of being read to. A sense of irony, politics, metaphysics. Tactile olfactory. Straightforward responsive communicative. Over 30. So, wanna start with the coffee? Reply BT Box JN14A or call ★★6612.

Attention Commit-A-Phobes

Unavailable boy-dyke-intellectual seeks an affectionate curvy slut for occasional fun and also maybe some dreamy ecstatic love that's totally outside our regular lives. Are you still hungry even though there is more than enough on your plate? Do you hate everyone? Are you too nice? Why are we still dreaming? Call ★★6613.

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Summer Shindigs for Single women, mid-30s/mid-40s: attractive, eclectic, multi-faceted, dynamic, creative & relatively sane, plans for cafe soirees, beach & nature jaunts, cultural & musical events, low-down bbqs, dancing, potluck brunches w/a smattering of intellectual discourses; must have sense of equanimity to share responsible time & space w/adventurous souls; pls pls pls, no radicals or difficult neurotics; postscript: this is not the SGS (society for grieving souls). Call ★★6614.

Yeah, Yeah, Yeah

Short dyke in my 20s, novice pervert, seeks dyke for sex and friendship. Have a strong mind and a dirty mouth. If we click, we can shop for my first dick together. No 12-steppers, no clean and sober. No flakes. I'd rather meet you in person than give you a list of my positive and negative attributes; so call ★★6615.

Tall & What?

What I have are good friends, self-awareness, job satisfaction and professional success, a comfortable home and enough disposable income to travel some. What I like is spending time biking, working in my yard, attending plays and BAWP, watching MacNeil/Lehrer, the 49ers or women's basketball, listening to NPR, hot tubbing and waves warm enough to body surf in the buff. What I would like is an insightful, self-confident woman, who is generous of spirit, quick to laugh, affectionate, and comfortable with her own life... and also likes kids (I'm the part-time co-mom of an 11 y.o.). While it may be more difficult to blend lives in our mid-40s, it could be worth the effort with the right woman. Call ★★6616.

Dyke Delight

29 y.o. drummer from Hayward. I love women, jet skis, motorcycles, cats, books, music and a woman w/a brain. I'm a cross between Erik Estrada and Joan Jett. My sense of humor will amaze you. No, I don't have a big head. I'm just confident and motivated to live life to the absolute fullest. I love sexy colognes, also into John Bradshaw. All letters answered. Thanks. Reply BT Box JN15A or call ★★6617.

Stop!!!

Is it too much to ask? I just want companionship! Beautiful, witty, intelligent, Continental women—where the hell are you? I've done the "alone" thing for two years now—give the musician a break. Copenhagen anyone? Reply BT Box JN16A or call ★★6618.

Wanna Ride

Hot femme seeks butch dyke with big bike to straddle for Pride. Let me wrap my long legs around your vibrating motor. Help fulfill my fantasy to ride with Dykes on Bikes. Call ★★6619.

If You Are Serious...

About friendship and long-term commitment, read on. I am 31, initially shy, athletic, financially stable, sensitive and affectionate. I enjoy hiking, many sports, movies, reading, animals, children and quiet evenings at home. I prefer one on one companionship and small gatherings to large crowds. I value honesty and monogamy. Looking for women with similar interests and values. Like to begin relationship as friends. No heavy drinkers or drug users. I live in Sonoma County. Reply BT Box JN17A or call ★★6620.

Let's Take A Chance!

Vivacious soft butch, mid-40s, Jewish artist/therapist with progressive politics and interests in arts, theater, bike riding and outdoors, seeks femme woman for romance. I have a good sense of humor, am playful, intelligent, self-aware and honest. You have compatible personality and values, nonsmoker, no heavy drugs or alcohol. Take a chance to check out the chemistry. Reply BT Box JN18A or call ★★6621.

S/M Play/Sex Partner

Butch switch seeks same or bottom for S/M and fucking. Tits/ass/cunt play, fisting, dykedicks, spanking, flogging, clips and clamps—any level of pain and sensation. Please be butch, over 45, physically strong, sexually open, available and adventurous. Fuckbuddies only, not looking for life partner. Lesbian only; butch only; no smokers or men. Don't need long letter—name and # to BT Box JN19A or call ★★6622.

Sexual Taste

We'll discover that together when the time is right. I hate typical: "I am..." so suffice to say, "...cute, spiritual, adventurous, etc..." I'm looking for you, that's right. I'm talking to you! Ideally you're extremely femme w/that ability to dress down at all the right times in all the right ways. Sense of humor/adventure is a must as is being single w/no ghosts. Beyond that, let's talk. Call ★★6623.

Come Play With Me

Mendocino coastal cutie with class seeks petite femme lesbian full of life, sense of humor, for weekend adventures in the City, country or ? Please be drug/alcohol/smoke-free & value honesty, communication & commitment. I enjoy hiking, flea markets, traveling, motorcycling, dancing. Join me in the game of life. Call ★★6624.

Candles At Night...

Attractive, successful, fun-loving musician looking for very attractive feminine lesbian for good times and romantic interludes. Please be smoke/substance-free, 25-38, and be happy with yourself and life. Thanks. Call ★★6625.

More Than Just Your Fist

In a glove. I desire creamy intellectual stimulation. Wanna fuck you with whatever a condom will cover and more. Jewish girl/garlic lover with WASP affliction seeks hot and sweet, sour and sarcastic bi/lesbian identified dancing fool to tickle and tease, if you like, tie and torture. Please no clean and sober fundamentalists or pierced eyebrows. Call ★★6626.

Hamburgerian In SF

I'm 28 and visiting SF for a few months. I'd like to see the different faces of the city—lesbian culture and nature. I'm looking for women who want to see movies, dance, play, wander the Castro and Mission, walk on the beach, play sports—bicycling, horseback riding, volleyball—and get out of the City for a few days. No drugs. Alles Klar? Reply BT Box JN20A or call ★★6627.

Parade Your Pride

30ish lesbian professional, workaholic, desires to date a nice, literate woman with a wicked sense of humor. I like films, first kisses, night drives up the coast, intelligent conversation, and laughter. I'm an East Coast transplant who has made a home by the Bay. Let's share... Call ★★6628.

The Eternal Optimist

Seeks challenging, confident, cute (or beautiful) women wanting to exercise their bodies and minds with this 30 y.o. charismatic, healthy, active, intelligent Sagittarian. My passions are limitless, but include food and wine, the arts, massage, Sunday *N.Y. Times*, my little puppy, and all of my friends. My life is full, but I am in a complete expansion mode, ready to date! Call ★★6629.

Left handed Jewish Scorp dyke (are you scared yet?) seeks partners in crime. I'm a writer, 39, an anarchist with a fondness for Edwardian women's literature, a Luddite with a computer. Passions include sex (you're not really surprised), reading, politics, yard sales and the outdoors. No heavy smokers. Republicans or Perot-noids. Call ★★6630.

Sweetheart Wanted

Please live in SF. I'm 39, NS, athletic, well-educated and own my own business. I study ballet, read and keep up with current events when I'm not working or doing fun stuff with friends. I miss both the physical and emotional joys of an intimate relationship. Seeking someone physically/intellectually active who's stable and dependable, loves pets and has a good sense of humor. Not into 12-steps, the Goddess, separatism or drugs. Call ★★6631.

Sapphic Sandwoman

Bring me a mate. Make her a someone to whom I'd relate. Playful, 46, Jewish, writer of theater, film and comedy, enjoys exploring the arts, intellectually-bent conversations and shopping at Target. Ultimately seeks committed relationship with witty, fun-loving woman who is warm-hearted, introspective, sane, sober and sexual. I am medium ht. and wt., financially stable, nonsmoker. Seeking same who is not allergic to cats or me. Call ★★6632.

Not Looking For...

Superficial women who define themselves with labels. Uncaring, close-minded, without common sense and inner beauty. Star readers who believe it. Women who can't see past themselves to see things in another light. Irresponsible, irreproachable women lacking the knowledge of unconditional caring and love of another. Humorless, racist, users, who can't stand to be alone with themselves. I'm 31, independent woman who loves to laugh. Want to know more? Call ★★6633.

Southern Black Lesbian...

Sincere, thoughtful, intelligent and confident seeks same in a femme. Black woman in her 30s. Let's start by becoming "special" friends. Call ★★6634.

Wanted: Another Hopeless Romantic

East Bay 46 y.o. who enjoys C&W dancing/music, camping, golfing, traveling, walks by the sea, cuddling, playfulness, lots of lovemaking, dinners for two by candlelight—seeks 35-48 y.o. to fill my days with lots of everything I love. I am a full-figured, hopeless romantic who has so much to give to someone special. Let's talk soon. ND, NS, light alcohol OK. Reply BT Box JN21A or call ★★6635.

I'm Simply Very Complex!

I'm an ex-jock who mourns for the Walsh/Montana 49ers. But my intellectual side springs forth with wild, wonderful acts of creativity, writing children's plays, dance pieces, character monologues. PC doesn't drive me, but a passion to create and synthesize does! I love music, theater, dance, the SW and desert, read Kingsolver and Allison; have lively sense of humor and wit; treasure honesty and directness. I'm attractive, trim, early 40s. You are 35-45, bright and stimulating, not afraid of commitment. NS, ND, light alcohol. East Bay. Call ★★6663.

Prober

Charming, sophisticated, attractive, strong, tall, blonde, 30+. Seeking enthusiastic, graceful bottom who loves euphoric, mind-altering, horizontal dancing. I take all relationships seriously. You must be financially stable, love life, adventure, travel, good food, diversity in music. If you look as good in a dress as blue jeans and a work shirt, write me at 220 Montgomery St., #2518, SF 94104 or call ★★6664.

Goddess Desires Same

Passionate tall Latin/Celtic goddess cross between Patty Smith and Sophia Loren; intelligent, responsible, caring, strong, soft, sensitive, sober, vegetarian, musician and metaphysical/emotional growth seeker. Seeks equal partner for fun, adventure, realms of the senses, sex, dancing, music, movies, theater and serene times in nature. San Francisco woman desired. Call ★★6665.

It Takes Two... Maybe Even More

For some really great summer fun, so here's to meeting new friends for motorcycling, outdoor photography, camping, tennis, golf, cafes and conversations, comedy, BBQs, galleries, street fairs, ballgames (esp. Giants or Royals in town), karaoke singing (Mint or others), sunning at Baker Beach or escaping to Santa Cruz Boardwalk, or exploring local wonders and nature. I'm outdoorsy, independent, building a business and singing career, enjoy my time alone "doing my thing"; mid-30s, fun, outgoing, intelligent Midwesterner, six yrs. in SF, whose social side loves to come out to play. Oh, and dating isn't out of the question. I'm dating but not "married," so let's have fun as friends above all. Call ★★6666.

Wanted: Needle In A Haystack

Okay, I'll get right to the point. I would like to meet an unforgettably beautiful, feminine, fit, stylish GF, 28-35, who is passionate, intelligent, confident, assertive, independent & has humorous wise-ass tendencies, but still knows how to listen & communicate with sensitivity & honesty. She's on the path to spiritual awareness & makes a conscious effort to be positive, humble & nonjudgmental. She is her own source of happiness & fulfillment and desires a relationship for the purpose of sharing mutual growth. Her interests might include: interior design, art, dining out, staying fit & spiritual enlightenment. Alcohol, drugs & smoking are not abused and neither is the truth. I am a GWF, 29, who is all of the above and more. If we have something in common, call ★★6667.

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BISEXUAL

Slave Needs Owner

SWM, 34, bi curious, seeking dominant womyn

Dykes To Watch Out For

In Their Dreams
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NEWSFLASH! "A RECENT SEX SURVEY OF TWENTYSOMETHINGS REVEALS THAT AMONG MEN WHO FANTASIZE ABOUT CELEBRITIES, CINDY CRAWFORD AND DEMI MOORE RANK HIGH. WOMEN OPT FOR LUKE PERRY AND PRESIDENT CLINTON, WHILE GAY MEN TAPPED MARKY MARK AND TOM CRUISE." PERIOD. END OF PARAGRAPH.
FLIRT SECTION
D'YOU THINK THAT MEANS LESBIANS DON'T FANTASIZE ABOUT CELEBRITIES, OR DON'T ANSWER SURVEYS?
FILM
3 OF HEARTS
OH, COME NOW, GINGER! THERE ARE NO LESBIANS! AND IF THERE ARE, THEY REALLY JUST WANT TO SUCK COCK. I SAW IT ON ROSEANNE. SANDRA BERNHARD DUMPED MORGAN FAIRCHILD FOR SOME GUY.
HOW COME MEN GET TO BE TOTALLY QUEER BUT WOMEN DON'T? I'M SICK OF BEING PORTRAYED AS SOME STRAIGHT SLOB'S PORNO FANTASY.
LOOK. COULD YOU TWO AT LEAST TRY TO CONCENTRATE? I'M NOT ORGANIZING THIS BABY SHOWER BY MYSELF.
SORRY, SPARROW. WHERE WERE WE?
THE GUEST LIST. WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT MO AND HARRIET?
WELL, WE'VE GOTTA INVITE THEM BOTH. WE'LL JUST WARN EACH OF THEM THE OTHER ONE'S GONNA BE HERE.
THEN WHAT IF NEITHER OF THEM COME? OR WHAT IF THEY BOTH COME AND THEIR TENSION SPOILS THE PARTY ATMOSPHERE?
WE COULD INVITE SO MANY PEOPLE THEY'D NEVER SEE EACH OTHER. YOU KNOW, ONE OF THOSE LOUD, ROCKIN' DANCE PARTY KINDS OF BABY SHOWERS.
MEANWHILE, ACROSS TOWN...
CLIK
NATURBORN BIRTHING CENTER
WASN'T THAT INCREDIBLE? I FIND THAT STARTING OFF THE FIRST CLASS WITH A VIDEO OF AN ACTUAL BIRTH HELPS TO CALM A LOT OF FOLKS' CONCERNS RIGHT AWAY.
I ALSO THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR YOU DADS... ER, COACHES, TO SEE THE KIND OF SUPPORT YOU'LL BE PROVIDING DURING LABOR. NOW LET'S DISCUSS SOME OF OUR FANTASIES AND FEARS ABOUT CHILDBIRTH...
AND BACK AT THE RANCH...
HILLARY CLINTON AND QUEEN LATIFAH.
WHAT, IN THE SAME FANTASY, OR ONE AT A TIME?

or couple to serve as houseboy, cook, masseur, errants, slut or toy; for your pleasure or amusement. True masochist and slave enjoys all aspects of surrendering control to you. Use me in any way you desire, my limits are offered to you to push & expand. Orders obeyed immediately. PO Box 11330, Oakland 94611 or call ★★6636.

Fags Need Ootie Too!

(One of my girlfriends calls part of her body "ootie.") I am 25, tattooed, pierced, hung, cute. I love music, books, womyn and possibly couples. Call ★★6637.

Hairy Women And Men

Beauty is in the eyes of the beholder. I am very attracted to super hairy females (and some males). I am clean, healthy, fit, smooth, solvent, cultured, gentle, bi male with a gym-toned body and many interests including hiking, movies, classical music, travel. Prefer dark-haired, affectionate, passionate, monogamous person. PO Box 4392, Walnut Creek 94596.

Dangerously Imaginative

Multifaceted iconoclast with fertile imagination and appreciation of humor, communication & playfulness seeks vivacious, sensitive free thinkers (especially, but not exclusively, females). Explore creative friendship, possibly more, with a very romantic, feminist and culturally female-identified male, good listener & comfortable expressing emotions. Bonus points for humorists, hedonists & easygoing perfectionists! FBI record: 29, white, longish brown hair, nonsmoker; known to hike, sail, dance, massage, visit hot springs, write fiction. Call ★★6638.

Onan Anon

Bisexual wanker fantasizes about doing it in tandem—weekend afternoons, or weekdays, lying on your living room floor, or on the beach. You're 10 years older than me—approaching 50. You like to talk about sex with people who are more inhibited than you. Call ★★6639.

Metamorphosis

BiWF looking for bi/queer friends/lover(s)/companions. I am intense, passionate, articulate, easygoing, sensuous, creative, caring. My interests include: rock/blues, live performances, astrology, magick, pagan ritual, tantric sex, writing, day trips out of SF, tattoos, black leather, working out, swimming, baseball, smoking weed, long conversations, staying up all night, Sunday brunch in bed. Usually attracted to dark hair/dark eyes, musicians, artists, writers who enjoy sharing themselves. All races/genders OK. Reply BT Box JN300A or call ★★6640.

Freckles? Great Sense Of Humor? Closeted? Married?

Pinkish? Non New Age/ponytail, vile Yuppie scum type? Coastal, west Marin-Sonoma, rural, serious classical musician, 6'2", early 40s (look 30s), good shape, totally straight other than sex pref., looks for inspiration from whatever interesting quarters. Casady/Proust/Ron Howard mutant ideal—settle for Alfred E. Newman/Howdy Doody/Nabokov; Irish charm especially welcomed. Astonish me. Discretion totally guaranteed. Call ★★6641.

Married BiWM, age 29, seeks other bisexual man who is also in a primary, long-term relationship with a woman. I'm looking for conversation, friendship and possibly sex—it all depends. I'm well-educated, articulate and athletic. I am focused on my primary relationship; however, my spouse and I agree that my bisexuality needs to be expressed in its proper proportion. Your letter gets mine. Reply BT Box JN301A or call ★★6642.

Have Your Cake & Eat It Too

Handsome, very together, well-built, BiBM, seeking attractive, well-built bud for fun times. I'm 6', 168#, 36, HIV-, healthy and happy. Looking for a together male, under 40, over 5'10", HIV-. Prefer bi who loves life, great safe sex and knows how to have a good time in and out of the sack. Ready for a slice of real life? Call ★★6643.

SHARED INTEREST

Please Note

The Shared Interest ads are a part of the Personals, and as such are for individuals seeking other individuals with common personal interests. They are not for the purpose of forming professional connections. If you are looking for business partners, clients or work-trade arrangements, or if you are forming a professional organization, please use the Open Exchange classified ads. Thanks.

Women Runners And Walkers

Come out and get sweaty with us! The San Francisco FrontRunner Women are waiting to welcome you. Do you want a fast five-mile run? A gentle one-mile walk? Something in between? We run (or walk), have fun. Come join us (and the guys), 9 am Saturdays, Stow Lake Boathouse, GG Park. Reply BT Box JN600A or call ★★6671.

Classical Singers

Are you interested in rehearsing and performing with a musical, competent, experienced and personable accompanist/coach familiar with German, French, Italian vocal literature? As an experienced singer (any voice range), you should possess solid technique, knowledge of literature for your range and an ability to express yourself musically. My SF apt. or yours. Please leave name & number. Call ★★6672.

Chamber Music Player?

Pianist (GWM) and flutist (GAF) seeking string and woodwind players to join them in reading chamber music for duos, trios, quartets, etc., on Sunday afternoons in SF apt. We are advanced level players, good sightreaders, musical performers who also have fun playing. Seeking similar qualities in other musicians for playing and performing in informal "house recitals" for friends and acquaintances. Call ★★6673.

Face Facts

Certified masseuse seeks others who practice acupressure face lift or other face-neck-shoulder massage. I am interested in forming a casual group/network for facial massage. Call to discuss. Perhaps we'll decide to meet "face-to-face." Call ★★6674.

Lesbian Whitewater Kayaker

I'm looking for experienced kayakers or rafters to run rivers with. Let's run the Stanislaus, American, Trinity, Klamath or Rogue River. Let's go boating! Call ★★6675.

Hello Hayward/Castro Valley Gays/Lesbians

Lesbian couple with young daughter just moved to the area from Maryland and we're looking for new friends to socialize with... Cards, camping, dancing, diving, road trips, or just hanging out. We've caught glimpses of friendly dykes and gay men here. Let's meet and have some fun. Call ★★6676.

Rawhide Anyone?

Extremely attractive, athletic, 25, Irish/Mexican wants handsome, muscular cowboy to teach me two-steppin'. Let's get together & have some fun! Letter and photo gets mine. PO Box 1112, San Jose 95108 or call ★★6677.

Motorcycle Buddies Wanted

Female motorcyclist seeks riding partners. New to motorcycling and the Bay Area. Looking for friends to yak with over coffee, during breaks in leisurely, scenic day rides. Please be a punctual, reliable, easygoing, and fun-loving person. PO Box 753, Redwood City 94064 or call ★★6678.

Tennis Anyone?

Lesbian, 47, beginner ability would like to play maybe once or twice a week for fun, exercise. Have odd days off & usually can play midweek, some weekends. Can mostly get ball over the net, but not at 100 miles an hour! I live in the East Bay. Call ★★6679.

Travel Partner Sought For July

Looking for another woman, 25-40, who would like to camp, hike, explore the cities and country of the Northwest, and take a ferry to Prince Rupert. If part or all of this sounds inviting, give me a call. Call ★★6680.

Femme Dykes

Intellectual femme looking for other femme dykes, age 40 and under, for conversations about gender, identity, history, sexuality and politics. These conversations may inspire a written piece, but I'm also just looking to exercise my brain and sate my curiosity. Please be curious, sharp and open-minded (no anti-S/M women, please). Call ★★6681.

East Bay Video & Magazine Collector

Seeking other collectors to trade &/or borrow videos, trade magazines. Call ★★6682.

For Dreamers And Dream Workers

GWM interested in continuing his search into the creative power of dreams. As Jeremy Taylor would say, "All dreams have more than one meaning and more than one level of significance." That is why it is so important to regularly share your dreams with a group of loyal friends. Let's get together and help each other discover the meaning of our inner thoughts. Call ★★6683.

Spiritual Musicians, Artists, Etc.

Seeking others in the arts with spiritual orientation. Art as spiritual practice. Art expressing consciousness/holistic dimension. Discuss challenges/rewards, creative blocks, making living, connection with sexuality. Gay/queer male, 39, classically trained keyboards/choral. Away from music for decade; returning with new focus/wider scope. Perspective: Gnostic Christian, Buddhist, new thought, holistic scientific cosmology. All welcome—social, comrade, colleague. PO Box 14295, SF 94114 or call ★★6684.

Does Not Halt At Border

Seeking bilingual bisexuals from Montreal, Quebec, who are interested in talking about anti-Zionism in halting French. Call ★★6685.

Massage Exchange

CMT wishes to exchange with sincere slim/med GM. You need not be certified, only sincere and experienced in nurturing the spirit as well as the body. This is not a sex ad. Your build is only important because I want to nurture not work in exchanging. As a massage therapist for the critically ill I am in need of a deep, caring touch to help me center. Call ★★6686.

Cybergenics Anyone?

Intermediate male BB, works out at Gold's in Mt. View, looking for highly motivated partner for intense AM workouts. If you're serious about putting on more muscle and willing to work hard for it, call me and let's do it! Call ★★6687.

Tennis Partner

Novice player, athletic, eager to find other(s) to practice with early evenings in SF this spring and summer. Have car, any SF court OK (or outside city, East Bay on weekends). Call ★★6688.

Basketball Anyone?

Mid-20s GM funster looking to meet other homo lads and lasses into playing Sunday morning/afternoon hoops (one-on-one or team). I'm magnificently terrible at the game, but enjoy myself nevertheless. I'm only looking for exercise and a good time—not an overly competitive NBA experience. If this sounds cool to you, call up and we'll chat. Call ★★6689.

Prospective Queer Parents

Do you want to be one? We are a community group that meets on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 11:30 am for a potluck & discussion about lesbians & gay men co-parenting together or known donor situations. If you are looking for a co-parent or just looking for support—come & eat with us. Call ★★6690.

Black Women's Studies

"All the women are white. All the Blacks are men. But some of us are brave." Black Women's Study Group forming for twice-monthly meetings beginning July. Read the history/literature of those who came before us in the company of your sisters. Enthusiasm, an open mind, and a loving spirit required. All women of African descent welcome. Will respond to all sisters. Free. Call ★★6645.

Queer Playwrights

Serious about writing for theater or performance. We're a group of women & men—writers, directors, actors, comics, performance artists—setting up a writing co-op to critique & encourage each other's work, following Dramatist Guild suggested workshop guidelines. We are looking for others (diversity welcomed & encouraged)—if you: have been working in any aspect of theater or performance; would like to write for production; and are interested in participating in weekly sessions beginning Tuesday evenings in July. Call ★★6646.

Dharma Sisters And Lavender Buddhists

How about a group of Buddhist women for sharing and socializing monthly? Potlucks, meditation, outings, activities and mutual support. There is also an interest in starting another mixed (male and female) lesbian/gay Buddhist group (something that, strangely, does not yet exist in SF). If you are interested in a Buddhist women's group (lesbian, bi, straight, any Buddhist affiliation as well as those just interested in learning), or a mixed lesbian-gay Buddhist group, call. First meetings are tentatively set for the second week in July. Call ★★6647.

Women Bicyclists

I'm a 35-year-old lesbian working in the helping professions who loves to escape into the peace, tranquility and challenge of bicycle rides on the weekends. I'm looking for partners to share the great rides I already know as well as to discover new spectacular places around the Bay Area. I usually ride 30-50 miles on the road but am also open to longer rides, easier off-road, etc. Call ★★6648.

Head For The Mountains

I've been away from the mountains too long. Lesbian looking for other lesbians to go summer skiing, mountain hikes, fishing, etc. Flexible schedule. Call ★★6649.

Mat Mate

WM, 5'5", 140, 60, fit bod, nice looks. Seek similar size or larger muscular F for wrestle mate. Not a sex ad, per se; mutual, playful physical communication ad. I am novice with savvy androgynous body; slightly muscular torso & arms, masculine muscular legs. You decide action/location. 1st time ad. Reply PO Box 1223, Novato 94948 or call ★★6650.

NEW!

MESSAGES

Inner Richmond

On Friday, May 21, I saw you walking around near the Safeway on Cabrillo and 7th Ave. (I was doing my laundry). You were wearing a white T-shirt, black tights and denim shorts. You have shortish dark hair and the nicest, sweetest, roundest, prettiest bottom that I've seen in some time. I'm pretty much just writing this as a long-distance, belated compliment, but would not take it at all adversely if you decided to call me. Call ★★6691.

Ex-Zebra KT

You called several times and I missed your calls. Please call again. I don't have your number and I'd love to talk to you. —Another Ex-Zebra, JG. Call ★★6692.

TRANS

Attention TVs And TSs

Looking for TV and/or pre-op TS (male-to-female) to explore fantasies. Must be femme, under 35, not allergic to cats, smoker preferred. I am 21, 6 feet tall, w/long blond hair & blue eyes; cross-dresser. Steady off & on relationship OK. Submissive by massage. Pre-op TS encouraged to reply. Let's do coffee. Call ★★6660.

MEN

Spiritual And Sexy

In-shape, young-acting, 52 y.o. GWM, NS, ND, no drugs, HIV-, seeks long-term relationship. You: honest, caring, flexible, patient. Weight in proportion to height. HIV-. We are both cuddly, compatible, comfortable. Let's explore fantasies together. Write PO Box 31854, SF 94131 or call ★★6700.

Available For Magic

55 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 150 lbs., trimmed gray beard, thinning hair, distinguished looking professional, emotionally available, capable of loving and being responsible; HIV-. Lover of 8 yrs. died 1½ yrs ago. Love walking, music, theater, travel, hanging out, caring, giving, talking, puns, humor, ideas. Seeking intelligent, articulate, responsive, attractive, sincere man, 40s to mid-50s. I want to love deeply and openly again. NS. Reply BT Box JN70A or call ★★6701.

Mature Fit Man Wanted

Me: a self-employed professional; handsome with a full head blond hair and a tanned rock-hard body; 6 ft., 165 lbs., 60 yrs. old, HIV-. Interested in travel, theater, antiques, cooking, working out, swimming. You: 40-70 yrs. old, any race, NS, in-shape, educated, intelligent and, above all, loving and good sex. Call ★★6702.

Authentic, Affectionate

Attractive, professional GWM looking for other HIV- men in their 40s to mid-50s for dating, the pleasure of each other's company, and an eventual relationship. Men who attract me are authentic, affectionate, educated, professional, interesting, well-groomed and versatile. Weight and height proportionate. Piercings, excessive weight or hair, and buffed Greek gods are a turn-off. I am 48 years old, HIV-, 5'10", 180 pounds, dark hair, cleanshaven, blue eyes and balding. My loves are learning, music, sunshine, warm weather, friends, running, dancing, my work and most things which are slightly exotic. I lead a busy and varied life. I have had custody of and raised my children. I am in the middle of earning an advanced degree as a way of challenging and expanding all of my own horizons as my children leave to explore their lives. I run five days a week and am not a fanatic. My home is in the East Bay and my office is in the Financial District. No drugs, excessive alcohol or smokers. I'm in long-term recovery. Eventually I want to find someone with whom I can craft a shared life of comfort, intimacy and pleasure in who we are and who we want to be. For now I am interested in having a good time with other adult men who show up for their lives and are glad they are who they are. Reply BT Box JN71A or call ★★6703.

Hi There, Here's Your Opportunity!

45+ y.o. GWM, successful, professional seeks 31+ y.o., energetic, sincere and romantic professional. I am 5'9", 160 lbs., blond with a moustache, trim, energetic, easygoing and an exciting top! I actively pursue many activities including horse sports, the arts, dining (esp. home dinners), wines, fireplaces in mountain cabins and snowmobiling. If you are larger than me, fun, easygoing, HIV-, bottom, NS, homebody and honestly looking for companionship or a LTR call me. Reply BT Box JN72A or call ★★6704.

Apple Pie With Love

I know you are out there—somewhere. You are, of course, that handsome, masculine, loving, great at sex, and physically fit GWM with "family values" and a great sense of humor. You are mature, stable, drug-free, NS, HIV- and employed. Being free of self-delusion you do not confuse yourself with a Colt model if you are just an average Joe. I seek someone who seriously values relationships, but who also has the maturity not to take himself too seriously. This handsome, 40s, degreed, professional GWM, living in the City, is 5'10", 160#, gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, with s&p hair. I enjoy water and snow skiing, watching football, boating and a broad spectrum of cultural pursuits. If you value friends and family and if you enjoy laughing, fireplaces, sex, cuddling and communicating your inner feelings then please send a letter with photo (returnable) to JL, PO Box 190907, SF 94119.

Long Weekend J/O Sessions

I'm a straight-acting GWM, 39, 6'1", 200 lbs., balding and who's HIV-. I'm seeking another straight-acting GWM, 21 to 45, weight proportional to height or so, and who's HIV-. I want to have long weekend J/O sessions on a regular basis over your place. So, if you're seriously interested, and live from San Jose to San Francisco, contact PO Box 880, Redwood City 94064.

South Bay Dad

Masculine, bearded, good-looking, outdoor type, HIV-, bi, divorced dad with no biological son looking to be adopted by a masculine, hairy, hot, younger dude to enjoy the outdoor pleasures of spring and summer. I will travel for the right son but maybe the "son" shines right in my own South Bay yard. Please send facial photo to Box 722, Campbell 95009 or call ★★6705.

Asking A Lot

E. Bay GWM, author & teacher, seeks another GM of creative bent as intimate friend/lover/partner. We share some of the following interests: music (esp. symphonic, choral, chamber), gardens, books, walking, faith/spirituality (I'm an Episcopalian). I'm 51, 5'7", gray-blue, close-trimmed beard; quiet, sensuous & affectionate. You're 40-60, stable, mature, accomplished, with affectionate temperament and the gift not to take yourself too seriously. Reply BT Box JN73A or call ★★6706.

Quester

Attractive, healthy, 39-year-old, ready for adventure, looking to share journey through familiar and unknown territories. I'm equipped with optimism, courage, humor and a respectful awe of nature. The rewards could include a lasting friendship in the least, a shared oneness at best. If you are interested or just curious, call or write. Reply BT Box JN74A or call ★★6707.

Handsome, Hunky, Spiritual

WM, 33, 5'10", 170, great build, very handsome, boyish looks (brn/brn), HIV-, professional, intelligent, humorous, sensitive, lovable and caring, looking for similar WM, 24-36, who enjoys close friendship and intimacy. I have an active spiritual life, meditate regularly. Looking for someone with strong values, commitment to others. I am very open (have had relationships with women), curious, and ready to explore with right person. Let's talk! Reply BT Box JN75A or call ★★6708.

Wild And Free

Handsome, sophisticated adventurer whose natural habitat ranges from hip hop to philharmonic, dinners to Masa's, erotic to cosmic (comic, too), wants playmate(s) for all spheres. Be over 35, turned on, successful, literate and well-traveled. Also, be done working on yourself and thrilled with the result. Open, versatile and self-assured are best. (Boys, growth groupies and wannabes stay home.) Call ★★6709.

Wanted: Bearded Teddy Bear Dad

20 y.o. WM, 5'11", 160 lbs., br/br, HIV-, clean-cut, average good looks, honest, sincere, seeks mature, 30+ y.o., in-shape, NS, ND, HIV-, intelligent, affectionate, emotionally open, good-looking, rugged dad to explore friendship and love.

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Older Seeks Younger

We want what everyone else wants—mutually supportive friendship and intimacy. We're not likely to meet in bars, because we don't smoke, drink or use drugs. I'm mature, masculine, moderately hairy GWM, 6', 210, balding, sometimes dominant. You're 21-40, any race. We're affectionate, stable, have a sense of humor, and enjoy the basics: music, nature, good food, travel and more. Call ★★6711.

Hello

Asian male, sincere, professional, attractive, 35, 5'6", 130 lbs., looking for other 30- or 20-somethings. Seeking regular person who can appreciate simple things like outdoor hikes, picnics, street fairs and spaghetti dinners. I also like witty conversation, piano, cheap travel and exploring this beautiful city. Dislike the bar scene and hoping to meet personable friends through this ad. Boxholder, 3739 Balboa St., #104, SF 94121.

Handsome All-American

Looking for a partner. Very handsome 30 y.o. GWM with a laid-back outlook on things. I'm 6', 160 lbs., br/br, cleanshaven, lean and muscular and am looking for a similar, attractive 28-40 y.o. who enjoys the things I do: sports/athletics, talking, good music and entertainment and being close. I'm healthy, HIV-, keep in great shape, ND/NS, but not rigid about that stuff and am interested in a relationship with the right guy. Call ★★6712.

You're 18-23 And Spiritual

I'm a 39-year-old, trim, handsome, cleanshaven, blond, blue-eyed, vegetarian, white male with an exotic lifestyle seeking a long-term relationship. I have two homes and a thriving new age business three hours from SF. I'd like to share all with a younger brother, 18-23, into the New Age. You must have a good sense of humor, be HIV-, optimistic, smart, trim and good-looking. Let's meet in the Bay Area. Call ★★6713.

Blond? Redhead? Freckles? Butch Topman?

With a hairy, defined chest, HIV- romantic guy. Me: 37, blond, HIV-, great kisser, 29 waist, defined, smooth, silky white bubble butt. East Bay. Let's soak in my hot tub. Call ★★6714.

Seeking Friend/Relationship

I'm outgoing, attractive GAM, 31, 5'8", 140# and straight acting. I enjoy outdoor activities, dancing, gym, dinner out or quiet evenings at home. I'm interested to meet with good-looking GWM, 21-31, masculine, down-to-earth and nonsmoker. Waiting to hear from you. Call ★★6715.

Monthly Visitor to San Francisco Desires

Mature man of substance (priest, physician, professor, artist... married OK) for prudent tryst culminating in serenity of spirit and turbulence of action. I'm originally an East Coaster, bilingual, professional, earthy, free-thinking, humorous, 55. Seeking, too, a private source of erotic videos for trade (by mail OK), and bodywork (conscientious amateurs OK). I've table, tools, supplies. R.F.G., PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

All-American In San Mateo

Professional GWM, 30, 6'3", 195 lbs., blnd, brn, gym-toned, athletic and conservative. I like tennis, skiing, biking, the beach, hiking, camping, movies, concerts and entertaining at home. I'm looking to meet an all-American boy-next-door, age 22-30, for friendship and the possibility of a long-term, monogamous relationship. He has traditional values and plans for his future. I look forward to your letter & photo. You won't be disappointed. Reply BT Box JN76A.

Mid-30s Situation

Very handsome, very intelligent, well-educated, masculine, 35-year-old, looking for an equal. Great body, 5'6", brn/grn, French ancestry, accused of being sexy. Kind, honest, direct, unpretentious, even-tempered, motivated, quick-witted, occasionally stubborn, not afraid of commitment or showing affection. Unfortunately, I have a hard time meeting guys to date, because I'm very shy and can appear unapproachable. Interests include cycling, swimming, travel, movies, novels, beach, volunteer work, home projects, my neighborhood, eating out, and doing things with friends, gay and straight. HIV-. If you think we can interest each other, excite each other, maybe love each other, write (with a photo) and tell me why. All photos returned. PO Box 190065, SF 94119-0065.

Asian Fantasies

WM, late-40s, 5'6", 160 lbs., seeks Asian into muscle/strength showoff or domination scenes. You like pumping up, oil, mirrors, flexing, having your muscles worshipped. You have me feel your strength as you win in arm wrestling. Or maybe you're an Asian master needing a slave to service you from feet to armpits. Also seeking big Asian cocks. PO Box 426655, SF 94142 or call ★★6716.

Mexican, Black, Puerto Rican?

Lonely GBM, 27, 5'10", 185 lbs., tired of lies and game-playing, and men who cheat on their lovers, wants a sincere, honest, masculine, well-endowed Mexican, Black or Puerto Rican man who is serious about having a satisfying, fulfilling sexual relationship with another man. You should be a top, know what you want, and know the difference between fucking and making love. Let's talk. Call ★★6717.

I Like To Watch Young Guys

I'm a very friendly WM, 45, with a good sense of humor. I'm intelligent, HIV- and employed. I suffer from chronic low energy syndrome and don't have much sex energy. Usually I just J/O. I'd enjoy meeting a compatible very young (18-30), thin, smooth guy; someone I could take out to dinner or the movies occasionally and J/O watching. Some of my interests include folk music, philosophy, beginning Spanish, day trips to new places if not too strenuous. PO Box 22201, SF 94122 or call ★★6718.

Not Lonely, But Looking

Attractive 23-yr-old guy, 5'8", 140 lbs., dark hair and eyes, olive skin. Playful, yet serious. Hang out in cafes, write/read/people watch. Enjoy dancing, but not into the pick-up scene. Very growth-oriented and spiritual (Glide). Realize that relationships are not simple and take a lot of work and understanding. Seeking someone between 25-35 who cares about their body and soul, is taller than me and loves the everyday challenges that life brings. Trust, compassion and monogamy are essential. Call ★★6719.

Bounded By Only Two Sq. Inches Of Ad Space

This 30s GWM nonetheless presents the following descriptors: 5'8", 150 lbs., fit, healthy, HIV-, blond/blue, literate technocrat with volatile sense of humor and multiple interests that include the standard walks, dinner, movies and sex, as well as creative endeavors. Warning: human. I am seeking a 20s-30s GAM, 5'6" or taller, weight proportional, self-supporting, with intelligence and bounded ego who is not totally invulnerable. If this ad strikes a chord (or note), please call ★★6720.

Now Available: One Good Man

Recently divorced after 20 years, 50, 5'10", 175#, healthy, fit, good-looking, seeks great partner for the second half. Successful entrepreneur, bright, optimistic, inquisitive, can-do. Midwestern WASPy roots with Ivy League degree and wardrobe with cosmopolitan experience. Warm and supportive, psychologically aware, a good communicator, a better listener with a good sense of humor who does not take himself too seriously. You are mid-40s, bright, competent, social, reliable and well-educated. Fit, active and affectionate. Write to: PO Box 1248, Burlingame 94011-1248 or call ★★6722.

Safe, Secret Sex

Weekdays, afternoon lunch and early evenings available for me: GWM, 25, br/br, 5'9", 165 lbs., muscular, hung bottom. To give you: GWM, 21-40 yrs. old, height/weight proportioned, physically fit, extremely hung top. To make your work day more enjoyable. Respond to #370, PO Box 410990, SF 94141-0990 with letter and returnable photo or call ★★6723.

Auto-Fellatio

Is the respectable term for sucking your own dick. Can you do it? Want to learn how, or renew your previous skills? In-shape, mid-aged, discreet GWM, former expert practitioner of same, will instruct trainees and/or curious exhibitionists in acquiring proficiency in this delightful perversion. Patience, breathing exercises, physical positions, (optional buttplay). The ultimate love act: if you can do it, no one will ever turn you down again. Call ★★6724.

Still Unjaded Though...

You're 29 to 42ish, a Generation X-oriented quasi-intellectual, weight proportional to height, HIV-, cut, NS, who's fast to laugh, eager to tread the unbeaten track with me: a 5'8", 170 lbs., 48 y.o., ex-New Yorker, with friendly brown eyes, goatee, balding, muscular medium build. My interests include language, gardens, science, alternative/classical music/art, cinema/movies, travel, world overview, flea markets, nest-building. Call ★★6725.

HIV Big Boy Wants Same

But we'll have to commute. Atlanta stud needs quality partner. I'm 34, 6', 172 muscled lbs., cleanshaven, short brown hair, hazel eyes and pretty damn good-looking. If you consider yourself "together," a serious hunk, don't smoke and are healthy, contact VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★6726.

Let Me Lead You From Your Solitude

Is your love life a dark tunnel with no light at the end? Looking for a lover who's also your best friend? Then search no farther, your quest is done. You have found me. I am the one. I'm attractive, sincere and tired of the game. A gay Asian man who's seeking the same. So please call this ad, if you so choose. Do it right now! What can you lose? Call ★★6727.

Massage Partner Desired

Attractive, physically fit, professional, WM, HIV-, 38, sensual, fun, bright, spirited, seeks another attractive, HIV- man with whom to exchange massage and for companionship. Call ★★6728.

Poet, Lover Of Dolphins...

Eternally curious, serene, youthful, hazel eyes, GWM, 58, in touch with all life forms and one who listens to ocean and heart vibrations. A dancer, musician, across the compassionate land, wishes to commune with and touch a similar youthful, playful man. I'm HIV- and one with elfin magic! I'd love to hear from you! Peace and love! Call ★★6729.

Teddy Bear Dad Seeks Bottom Son

Love caught us by surprise. It changed our lonely lives. We may be frightened, but hold my hand as we explore the power of love. Me: lonely, honest, shy, sincere, attractive, GWM, 43, 6'5", 280 lbs.; top. You: attractive, GWM, 21-35, slim, bottom. Interests include: music, concerts, cabaret, plays. Looking for affectionate individuals who want more than a one-night stand. Call ★★6730.

Professional Seeks Same

Athletic attorney, 51, into classical music, running, backpacking, world travel, seeks slender professional/executive, 40-60, for a committed relationship. I am 5'11", 185 lbs, and am considered attractive. I am looking for a soulmate to share life and love. Call ★★6731.

Healthy Monogamy

Warm, friendly musician, 38, 5'10", 145#, br/br, beard, glasses, HIV-, sober, nonsmoker, earthy, affectionate, intelligent, enjoys movies, dancing, conversation, values honesty, commitment, recovery; seeks sensual, creative, like-minded man (under 45) for loving relationship. Letter/photo preferred. Write to: Boxholder, PO Box 14413, SF 94114 or call ★-★6732.

What Is A Dream Man?

My dream man is an average-looking man. Jewish/Italian from New York. I'm not that picky; just have a good sense of humor and sharp mind, between 25-35. Me: 26 y.o. GWM, 6'1", 210 lbs., brown (receding), green, average-looking (OK, I'm no Adonis, I have love handles). HIV- I enjoy comedy, art, movies, coffee & I smoke. We'll do coffee & maybe a cigarette afterwards. Reply BT Box JN79A or call ★★6733.

Your East Bay Friend

Wants to hang out with you, go to movies, have fun outings and have safe fun back at home. Asian preferred, but Black or Latin is cool too. I am a good-looking, light BM, 6'2", in-shape and fit, educated, honest and humorous, young 40s. Interested in real friendships that last. Call ★★6734.

Hot Group Sex

GWM couple, both late 20s, very good-looking, gym-built and toned, cleanshaven, friendly and stable, seek one or more GWM, GAM or GLM with same characteristics for friendship and safe sex. No smokers, please. Reply with photo or honest descrition to BT Box JN80A.

I'm In My Prime At 49

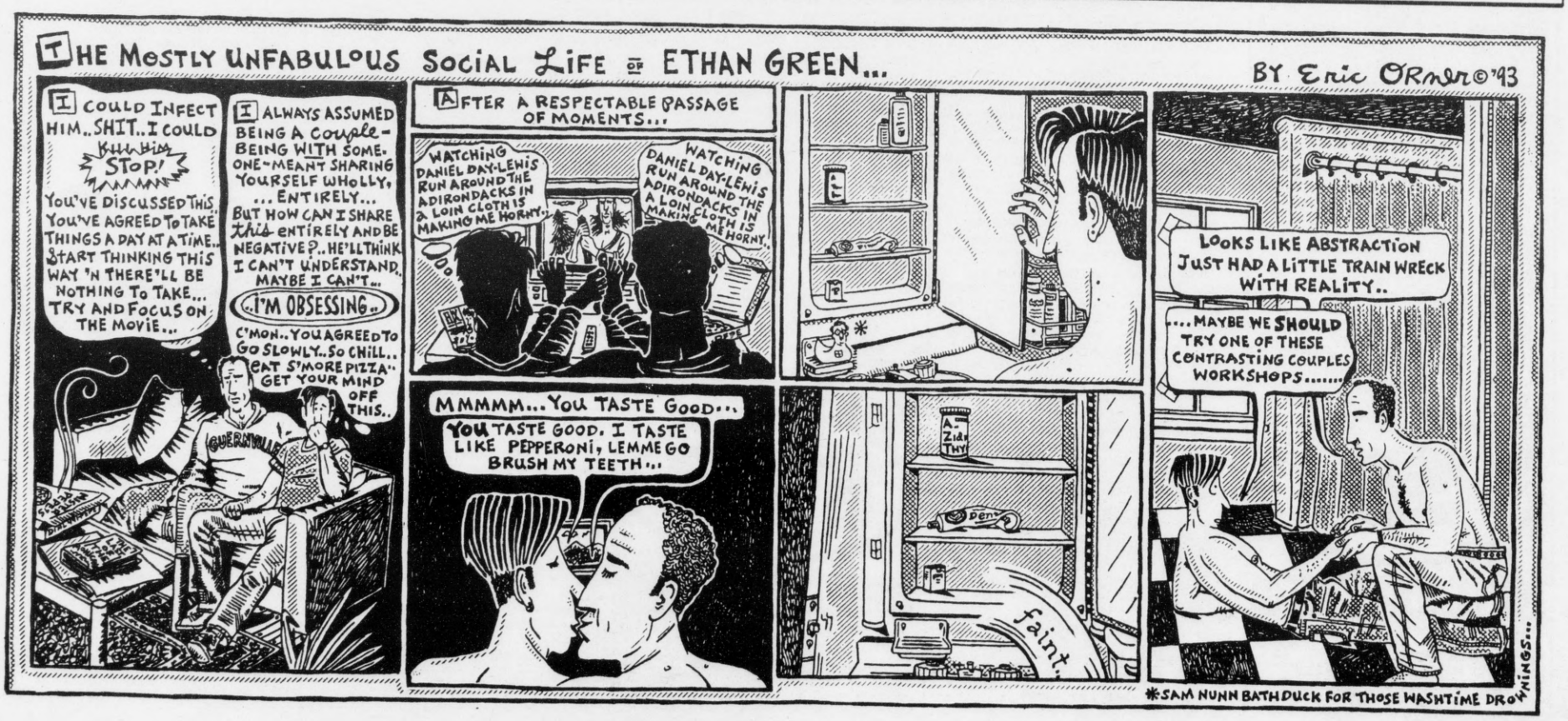
Am slender and love the younger gender. So give a call, short or tall. Call ★★6735.

Top Man Wanted

GWM, 39, 5'10", 165, short brown hair/blue eyes, moustache, smooth, cut, HIV-, x-military, a down-to-earth type of guy, seeks masculine, dominant, hairy-chested, HIV- topman. Must like outdoor activities such as camping, fishing, hiking, etc. Relationship possible. J.R., PO Box 421396, SF 94142 or call ★★6736.

Monogamous Asian Lover Wanted

Professional, educated GWM in East Bay, 50, 5'8", 150 lbs., HIV-, with hairy chest and beard wants to meet a similarly educated, cultured Asian man to share a monogamous relationship and create a warm home environment together. My interests include art, music, films, literature.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I COULD INFECT HIM.. SHIT.. I COULD
STOP!
YOU'VE DISCUSSED THIS, YOU'VE AGREED TO TAKE THINGS A DAY AT A TIME.. START THINKING THIS WAY 'N THERE'LL BE NOTHING TO TAKE... TRY AND FOCUS ON THE MOVIE...
I ALWAYS ASSUMED BEING A COUPLE - BEING WITH SOMEONE - MEANT SHARING YOURSELF WHOLLY, ... ENTIRELY... BUT HOW CAN I SHARE this ENTIRELY AND BE NEGATIVE?.. HE'LL THINK I CAN'T UNDERSTAND.. MAYBE I CAN'T...
..I'M OBSESSING..
C'MON.. YOU AGREED TO GO SLOWLY.. SO CHILL.. EAT S'MORE PIZZA.. GET YOUR MIND OFF THIS..
AFTER A RESPECTABLE PASSAGE OF MOMENTS...
WATCHING DANIEL DAY-LEWIS RUN AROUND THE ADIRONDACKS IN A LOIN CLOTH IS MAKING ME HORNY..
WATCHING DANIEL DAY-LEWIS RUN AROUND THE ADIRONDACKS IN A LOIN CLOTH IS MAKING ME HORNY..
MMMMM... YOU TASTE GOOD...
YOU TASTE GOOD. I TASTE LIKE PEPPERONI, LEMME GO BRUSH MY TEETH...
faint..
LOOKS LIKE ABSTRACTION JUST HAD A LITTLE TRAIN WRECK WITH REALITY..
....MAYBE WE SHOULD TRY ONE OF THESE CONTRASTING COUPLES WORKSHOPS.....
*SAM NUNN BATHDUCK FOR THOSE WASHTIME DROWNINGS...

religions and philosophy, Asian culture and international travel. You may be U.S.- or Asian-born, but please be a nonsmoker, HIV-, self-supporting and interested in sharing a quality life with one other person. I'm considerate, communicative, affectionate and sexy. If you take time to write me about yourself, I will answer you. Reply Boxholder, PO Box 12561, Berkeley 94701.

Tarzan Seeks Boy

Are you a cute GWM, 21-33, with smooth boyish looks (Nordic/blonds a plus) and your fantasy is romantic, sensual encounters with an attractive, outdoor-loving, tan, muscular guy? You may have found your match. I am a 6'1", GWM, 44, of German heritage, cute, shy, and strong with a super personality, HIV + (healthy), enjoy motorcycling, snow skiing, hiking, travel. Looking for the right guy to love and share experiences. Reply BT Box JN81A or call ★★6737.

If You Are Serious

about forming a monogamous life partnership/best friendship, and are not a gym addict, narcissist or egotist, read on. I'm looking for someone who has time to invest (no multiple memberships, friendships or heavily scheduled lifestyle) and the capability for love, generosity and caring. GWM, 45, 5'11", 160, brn eyes, brn-gray hair/bldg, masculine, very hairy, healthy, cleanshaven, well-groomed, stable, adventurous, pleasant personality. Enjoy country music, travel, the outdoors, movies, reading and hobbies. We share good values, no addictions, height/weight proportional, good sense of humor, calm/unpretentious personality and a quiet, non-urban lifestyle. Please include return address with response to JN, PO Box 4654, Foster City 94404.

Bed, Roof And ?

UC Davis med student, 40 y.o., 175 lbs., 5'11", brn/blue, tan, hairy, HIV-, looking for place to stay while doing AIDS rotation in July. Hoping for romantic/physical interlude as well as place to stay. Workout 5-6 days/wk, don't smoke, drug or drink. Looking for similar fit man to play/sleep/workout with. My other traits: masculine, gentle, quiet, humorous, aware, sexually aggressively passive and curious. Letter to PO Box 162204, Sacramento 95816 or call ★★6738.

I Can't Be Gay

Don't rag; can't lisp; don't have designer clothes; can't say "fa-bu-lous"; and don't have an attitude. Confident about myself, I'm easygoing, full of energy, open-minded and know what I want. I'm Asian, 24 and want to meet guys around my age for whatever. Call, you'll be surprised. Call ★★6739.

It's Hard To Be Humble When You're A Wrestler

Let's swap some hard-earned sweat! Hot, strong, tough, hairy wrestling stud hosting "Wrestle With Pride" party, Saturday, 6/26. One-on-one bouts, tag-team brawls, butt-kickin' fun. Open to all active wrestlers into freestyle, no-holds-barred, rough-house action. Free—but you gotta wrestle. Absolutely no spectators! Can't make the party? Private matches hungrily sought all year long. Call ★★6740.

Exceptional Dad

GWM, 59, bearded, 5'10", 135#, HIV-, NS/ND, light drinker; affectionate and giving. Seeks relationship-oriented, mature, masculine buddy over 40 for good sex and friendship in SF. We enjoy touching, hugging, playfulness, passion, plus music, films, leather, dining and travel. Equally comfortable with the spiritual and sexual part of ourselves and can express feelings openly. Reply BT Box JN82A.

It's Rare To Find...

Within one man both compatibility and physical attraction. Someone, as such, isn't easily found in bars or personals, though that doesn't mean exclusion. I'm looking for a man who shares the same interests and qualities. I'm attractive, cleanshaven, 33, 5'9", slim build, long black hair, hazel eyes, Irish-Italian, versatile, well-hung. Interested in movies, museums, music, laughter, good food, conversation. Qualities: sincere straightforward, decisive, able to share both good and bad times, willing to make a relationship work, are what we have in common. If interested, between 25-35, cleanshaven, Call ★★6741.

Go East Young Man

Eastern Europe, that is. Eastern European seeks Eastern European (American born boys who know their heritage okay, too). Looking to celebrate and enjoy our culture, eat cabbage, gaze at big noses, speak a language other than English once in a while, make friends and maybe more. Be health-conscious and 20something, like me. Members of the Orange Alternative especially encouraged to apply. Call ★★6742.

Attractive Asian Desired

By attractive GWM, 5'8", 160, HIV-. We are both physically fit, romantic and sincere. I am looking to spend quality time with someone who is looking for a relationship or friendship, whatever develops. You never know what could happen if you call. Take a chance. Call ★★6743.

Horny Seeks Sexy Friend/Relationship

WM, hairy, HIV-, average, mature, teddy bear, 5'11", 248 lbs., moustache, intelligent, humorous, NS, occasional drinks. We: affectionate, open-minded, erotic, uninhibited, voyeuristic, exhibitionists, free thinkers. Like: nudity, videos, photography, music, beaches, massage, sex. You: bottom, big bubble butt, likes to rim and suck. Any age, race, looks OK. Smooth body, BM/AM/LM, 18-25, preferred, but not necessary. Meet: East Bay, South Bay, Peninsula, your place, outdoors, weekends. Write: Boxholder, PO Box 7624, Fremont 94537-7624 or call ★★6744.

My Apologies

For not answering your responses to my ad placed in the April 22 issue. (Was called out of town for two weeks!) My ad stated that I wasn't a hot city boy—more like a mature guy with ample sophistication, wit and charm. I'm fit, good-looking and high energied. Enjoy theater, films, travel and good sex. If you're somewhat similar (35-55), honest with yourself and others, have a positive view of life and fun to be with, check me out. We might just click. Call ★★6745.

Looking In Marin?

Me too... 30 y.o., likely HIV-/very health-conscious (though never tested), long blond/blue, 6'2", 165#, model looks, lean, defined. Looking for someone close to my age to ride roll-ercoasters... perhaps camping in the high mountains this summer—Tetons/Wyoming? I'm seriously metaphysical (can't stand that syrupy "opinions equal judgments" fluff...), Leo sun, Scorpio rising, Sag. moon. R U in-shape, way cute... less tall, consciously healthy? Call ★★6746.

Move Up To The Best

Why settle for less? Very good-looking, honed and toned muscle boy whose body is swarming with virus that has yet to damage its most excellent container is in search of the same for a life commitment. I'm 34 yrs. young, 6', 170-175 lbs. and very hard. You be similar. Will travel! Contact: VSM, PO Box 8801, Atlanta, GA 30306 or call ★★6747.

29 Cents Gets Me!

Late 40s, good-looking, in-shape, HIV +, blue-eyed, S/P hair/moustache, 5'10", 175#, educated, witty, leftist politics (no Perot-istas or Republicans, please), good career, like to travel and appreciate "culture," both high 'n low. I don't smoke and drink little, so the bars have always felt alien. I'm looking for a relationship, not just sex. You are near my age, masculine, affectionate, good-looking (a subjective term!), willing to risk the effort of a relationship. We both miss the intimacy and fun of being with someone we love. Can we be there for each other? Write me! A picture helps; you'll get mine, too. Reply BT Box JN83A.

East Bay Gay

WM, tall, lean, very smooth, middle-ageless, attractive, thoroughly enjoyable, upsettingly discerning, sometimes intimate, seeks cute, friendly, adventurous fun slave/devotee, 18-25, for occasional hot and daring (but not dangerous) sex, travel, conversation, oil wrestling, and other Dharmic activity. NS, ND, no psychic turmoil. Please send letter and returnable photo to PO Box 9687, Berkeley 94709 Call ★★6748.

Companions Sought For Slow-Lane Socializing

Bilingual, medically-retired professional with multiple chemical sensitivities, seeks friendship, tolerance and fun that could culminate in a loving/sexual, monogamous life together. You can be chronically ill (AIDS, allergy, CFS, glandular deficiency, heart disease, etc.) or permanently handicapped (amputation, blindness, paraplegic, intractable pain, etc.). I'm a former Floridian, 55, curmudgeonly humorous, into a healthful lifestyle & bereft of a clonish mentality or faddish concerns. Mr. G, PO Box 3464, Santa Cruz 95063.

The Dating Game

Luckily this is without the perfectly coiffed TV host/chaperone. You: are attractive on the inside and outside, like yourself even though you aren't perfection, are able to be emotionally present and available, have a curiosity and desire to learn more about life, take care of yourself physically and spiritually. Me: ditto. You: 30s-40s, any race, NS, ND. Me: 38, 5'10", 155#, Asian. My home is a special place for me; my work is fulfilling to me; my friends are support I couldn't do without. You: ? Call ★★6749.

Tuned In?

GWM, 24, 5'7", slim, good-looking, goatee, short hair, seeking 21-28-yr-old into coffee, cigarettes, alcohol, scars, tattoos, piercings, and especially music. Coil, Psychic TV, heavy techno grunge psycho noise. I love animals and the ocean. No "intellectual snobs" or "junkies" need answer, but please have a brain and be willing to alter it. Friends? Lovers? Let's groove! Call ★★6750.

Hot Date

GWM, 5'8", 140 lbs., looking to meet a good man. I'm a hairy-chested guy, short brown hair, smart, handsome. I work in the arts, read, love music, nude beaches, swimming for exercise. I test negative. I prefer a guy in his 20s or 30s, a man who takes care of himself. I'm as susceptible to looks and sex appeal as any other boy. Call ★★6751.

People

GWM, 41, dark brown hair, eyes, cleanshaven, HIV-, 5'10", 172, well-built, an artiste, poet, athlete, relationship-oriented, seeks you, 32-47, also well-built, lean to romantic side, lean to the top side, lean to the very masculine side, lean to needing one special person. People who need people are the luckiest people in the world. I'm not afraid of need, are you? Call ★★6752.

Spanking For A Bad Boy

Big brother or dad, trim, sincere, caring WM, 43, HIV-, 6'2" tall, 175 lbs., HIV-, gives good sound spanking; limits respected (as you like it) to very slim, fairly smooth guy, 18-32. (Prefer warmhearted, non-bar, nonsmoking type; with interest in possible ongoing friendship. Let me buy you lunch.) Also seeking part-time housecleaner. Reply PO Box 210202, SF 94121. Any race OK.

Irreverent, sexy, intellectual, intelligent, cute white boy, 32, gripped in the queer-gay dialectic, seeks other man for profound, endless love, or if that's elusive, safe-hot play, friendship and good conversation. My passions are: to swim, read, watch film—French and otherwise—hang out with and nurture friends, cook and shake my hips (Box, Cockpit, even the non-PC Rawhide). I'm caring, warm, ethical and drug-free. I work hard, twist that into the rest of my life and do not fear responsibility or power. I have an understated style. Physique: masculine but not macho, 150 lbs., 5'8", short br. hair, br. eyes, soul patch, trim, muscular without bulk. You: thoughtful, well-educated, express your feelings directly, self-nurture. No narcissists, please. Call ★★6753.

Cyclist's Butt

Tight, muscular butt and legs, wrapped in spandex shorts with a big basket. Wanting long, hot rides on bicycle and in bed. I'm 40, 6'3", HIV +, slim, fit, 'stache, blond, well-hung, big balls, passionate kisser, cuddler, versatile/bottom. You be similar, sexy, versatile/top, in touch with heart as well as dick. Beards, Blacks, uncut a plus. Call ★★6754.

GWM Living W/AIDS

Very good-looking & healthy, 34, 5'9", dark brown hair w/moustache, good sense of humor, looking for friend or possible relationship. Reply BT Box JN84A.

Decent Proposal

Very attractive Spanish-Filipino male, 26, 5'10", 160#, HIV- doctor, with gym-toned body seeks 20-30, gorgeous, HIV- GWM with golden heart and body for friendship or relationship. Like outdoor sports, travel, swimming, music. Willing to support extra-gorgeous boys emotionally and financially. Call ★★6755.

I Need A Date

Sunny Saturdays, fun restaurants, movies, plays, events, dinners at home; I've been doing them alone or with friends. Just moved to SF. Looking for sharp, masculine, Caucasian guys in 30s or early 40s, HIV-. Prefer professional, emotionally secure. I am tall, masculine, sensitive, intense, good-looking & getting a little gray. Looking for a boyfriend. Are you him? Take a chance or nominate someone deserving. Please. Letter & photo (returnable) required. Reply BT Box JN85A.

Wanna Affectionate Buddy?

Are you an intelligent, friendly guy with character? This 57-year-old, Jewish gentleman seeks you to warm his nights. I am 5'8", gray/black beard and moustache, fun, stable, have broad indoor/outdoor interests and lead an active life. I'm HIV-, furry and sensuous and open to a wide variety of "types" who are nice guys too. Call ★★6756.

Relationship

Very attractive/nice looking GAM, 30 y.o., 5'9", 135 lbs., HIV-, happy, cheerful, funny, romantic, great sense of humor, not into the bar scene. I enjoy movies, dancing, restaurants, the outdoors. I'm seeking a nice-looking GWM, 25-33, who is honest/straight-acting, HIV-, no drugs and in shape. Please no rice queens. Call ★★6757.

Genuine Couch Potato

This GCP is seeking a LTR with another GCP. I'm 42, HIV +, 145 lbs., 5'10", hairy, beard, brn/brn, smoker, horny and exclusively top. Call and leave an intimate, detailed description of yourself. Then we'll fine-tune our proclivities. Call ★★6758.

Looking For A Younger Guy

Good-looking romanticist, 35, professional, centered, likes to laugh, have fun & enjoys martinis & red wine now & then. Seeks relationship with good-looking guy, 18 to early 20s, who is witty, smart, honest, has integrity & is comfortable being gay. We are both HIV-. Call ★★6759.

Quality Of Life

I enjoy good food, music & conversation; city & country walks; foreign & independent films; chamber concerts; dancing. I am looking for a warm, sexy (slim, dark-haired, 40s) man with intellectual substance, moral integrity and good sense of humor to share adventures. (The way we treat each other is more important than material possessions.) No smoking, drinking or drugs. PO Box 14022, SF 94114 or call ★★6760.

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Well, here's your chance (and mine). I'm late-30s, HIV-, handsome, masculine, clean-cut, 5'11", lean, multi-degreed, with a passion for younger guys, sarcasm, great food (its oral and safe), fast cars, Stanford basketball, and babies. I'm patiently looking for another "guy" (25-35) who is clean-cut, HIV-, not particularly into the gay scene, stable, emotionally available, masculine, a Democrat, sarcastic, with a healthy libido and able to provide me with three letters of recommendation. Call ★★6761.

A Man Has Needs

What this man needs most, and all he has time for presently, is quality masculine intimacy with one naturally monogamous other who, like me, is HIV-, nonsmoker, bright, honest, clean, self-esteeming, busy, productive, down-to-earth and physically fit. I'm GWM, 40s, 5'10", 165#, soft-spoken but quite manly, sexy hairy body and equipment. Sexually dominant. Beautiful smile. You're 35-55, probably dark, tall, lean/thin, mostly passive. Chest hair appreciated. Leg hair essential. Have transportation. Will give some priority to scheduling weekend dates. Dining in, hiking, movies, videos, soft music and long, unhurried, intense sessions of lust and rapture. Call ★★6762.

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Friendly, sincere, 5'10", 165#, is looking to exchange massages and possibly friendship. This 50ish professional likes to run, swim, hike and spend long quiet evenings with someone special sharing a meal & trading massages; likes opera, ballet, quiet jazz and classical music; likes to dance but still needs lessons in CW. You 40+, sincere, fun-loving, of any race, slim-med., ND, NS. Call ★★6764.

Handsome Scandinavian Seeks Relationship

Professional GWM, 44, stable, reliable, seeking monogamous relationship. I am 5'10", 155 lbs., NS, HIV-, with blue eyes, brown hair and a moustache. I would enjoy sharing my interests in classical music, good food/cooking, travel and the outdoors with a man who is masculine, down-to-earth, HIV-, 35-60, nonsmoker preferred. Facial and/or body hair, tall are pluses. Please write BT Box JN86A with a photo or call ★★6765.

Freckles? Great Sense Of Humor? Closeted? Married?

Pinkish? Non-New Age/ponytail, vile Yuppie scum type? Coastal, west Marin-Sonoma, rural, serious classical musician, 6'2", early-40s (look 30s), good shape, totally straight other than sex, pref. looks for inspiration from whatever interesting quarters. Cassidy/Proust/Ron Howard mutant ideal—settle for Alfred E. Newman/Howdy Doody/Nabakov; Irish charm especially welcomed. Astonish me. Discretion totally guaranteed. Call ★★6766.

Silicon Valley GAM Wanted

Quiet, sensitive, caring, prof. GWM, young-looking 42, 5'9", 155 lbs., HIV-, stable & secure, looking for younger GAM to establish an open, honest, intimate relationship. Should enjoy the outdoors, travel, music & art. Looking for someone who enjoys spontaneity, walks on the beach, an evening at the theater/ballet & intimate weekends away. If you are sincere & want to share life's experiences with another & are currently free of any relationships, let's get together. Phone & photo (if possible) to M., 2667 Cropley Ave., Box 108, San Jose 95132. Discretion assured.

Yippee!! Kissing!!

Attractive, playful, GWM, 32, healthy, HIV +, nonsmoking, 140, 5'8½", intellectual bookeater, seeks fun, happiness and romance with attractive persons, 25-40, generous in spirit, working on their stuff with a sense of humor, committed to communication, that are height and weight proportioned, for dating this artistic, introspective, honest, direct, ready to date guy. I'm an active non-gym-goer who loves long walks, nice noses, music, movies & good meals. I'm hoping for heartfelt connection with chemistry to boot. Reply BT Box JN87A or call ★★6767.

Love, Trust, Fidelity, Honesty

Is what I'm looking for. I'm 32 yrs. old (look younger), 5'8", 150 lbs., Italian looking, muscular, very good-looking, healthy, HIV +, into spirituality, gym, diet, travel, small group gatherings, animals, cooking, intellectual conversations, quiet romantic evenings, etc., etc. If you find any similarity please send a photo & letter. (All photos returned.) Reply BT Box JN88A.

Superstar Wanted

For starring role in my life. Me: 38, gdlkg WM, 6'1", 180, black curly hair, in entertainment field. You: 20-27 (blonds a +, but not a must). We: love sports, theater, movies, travel (romantic weekends), dinners out and quiet times. Auditioning now. Reply BT Box JN89A or call ★★6768.

Heart-To-Heart

Hello. Mature law student in wheelchair with slightly challenged speech, soon to be a lawyer, also studying to be a stockbroker, seeks courageous, independent, adventurous, spiritual guy with big heart and lots of self-esteem who would like an outgoing and stimulating relationship. If your life is together and you're serious about love and true heart commitment and you're not afraid of a wheelchair or slightly challenged speech, let's meet. PO Box 4607, Berkeley 94704 or call ★★6769.

Businessman

Visiting SF four times yearly seeks Chinese/Vietnamese guy for lasting friendship. Am 44, tall, healthy, cleanshaven, easygoing & HIV-. Would love a friendship to evolve into more. I enjoy swimming, movies, stamps, anything one on one. If possible, include your phone # and photo for mine. Reply BT Box JN90A.

Now Is The Time

To meet the right person. Good-looking South Asian, East Bay, professional, 30 years old, is looking for an intelligent, attractive and dynamic Bay Area male, 24-35, for mutually supportive relationship that will lead to personal growth for both. Tolerance, patience and maturity are desired. PO Box 152, Lafayette, CA 94549 or call ★★6770.

No Pressure

Attractive, in-shape, 40ish, professional GAM in a committed long-term relationship seeks an athletic, 25-50 y.o. GWM for chuckles and an occasional roll in the hay. I'm 5'9", 175 lbs. Be helpful if you enjoy movies, theater, dining and hedonism in general. Blonds go to the front of the line. Three-ways are a possibility. Respond to PO Box 190068, SF 94119.

Go For The Gold!

Very good-looking, successful, relationship-oriented, HIV- man into spiritual and personal growth, looking for someone similar, 32-44, to share the charmed life. Have dream home, wonderful friends and family—now want the rest: someone to love, cherish, travel the world and make dreams come true. Prefer Atherton to Carmel. If similar and have the time and interest to develop a magical relationship, please write with photo (will return). Reply BT Box JN91A or call ★★6771.

Seeking Mature Asian Lover

GWM, 55, looks 45, attractive, professional, warm and caring, with various interests, enjoys a quiet lifestyle, is seeking a gay Asian male, 40 to 55, who wants a loving, long-term relationship to share life's joys and divide life's burdens. I am a nice person with a good heart, and I truly love Asian people. I have lots to offer if you are: slim, HIV-, affectionate/romantic and want to love and be loved. Reply BT Box JN92A.

Romantic Affection

Handsome GBM, with dancer's build, smooth, muscular body, HIV +, 35, healthy asymptomatic, short man. I am passionate, sensitive and a very romantic, sane person. I love to laugh and have fun, enjoy life, hot safe sex and am attracted to all kinds of men; into intimacy, affection, spirituality and communication. Looking for a man who is comfortable with his sexuality, other men and not afraid of affection and intimacy. Call ★★6772.

Now This Dude Zeus

Was cool, see, and he scoped out this queer Trojan kid playing with his cock. Zeus got hot, carried Ganymede off to an intellectual and cock-sucking Olympus where, heels to Jesus, fucked Ganymede on his back, kissing him incessantly. Z's cleanshaven, uncut, hung, slim, white hair, HIV-, scientist-musician. If you see yourself in this scene, like to laugh—letter, photo, PO Box 696, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6773.

Shy GM, 28, Seeks Same

I'm a politically left, quiet, HIV- GM, working in the telecommunications field and finishing up a computer engineering degree. I'm 5'8", have blond hair and blue eyes, weigh 145 lbs., have been told I'm attractive, and want to find a quiet, HIV-guy between 25 and 31, who shares some of my interests, such as: Reggae, Soca and New Age music, the internet, KPFA, political and environmental issues, ham radio, occasional bike rides, going out for breakfast, and dining at exotic restaurants. I'm not one for sports, bars or dancing and don't smoke. I live in Davis, so I'm able to meet people anywhere from the Bay Area up to Sacramento. Write: S.C., PO Box 72454, Davis 95616 or call ★★6774.

I'd Like To Get To Know You

If you too are a warm, affectionate guy, HIV-, nonsmoker, 30something-ish and in good shape. I have varied interests: cooking, movies, swimming, CW dancing, running, sunning & classical music. Looking for others willing to share their feelings, fun and quiet times, and safe, passionate lovemaking. I have much to offer the right guy, so please call ★★6775.

Kiss Me Once, Then Kiss Me Twice

Then kiss me once again. If you recognize these lyrics, or just like the romance they represent—this warm, affectionate GWM (HIV-, nonsmoker, non-drinker) might be your kind of guy. Interests include: movies, mushy music from Brahms to Barbra, travel, an optimistic world view—and sometimes bouncing to a disco beat. Let's laugh & cry together as the banquet of life rolls by. Call ★★6776.

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SF, HAVE YOU SEEN THIS MAN? GWM 25, 5'9", 155#, dark blonde/Hzl, goatee, looking for a dark skinned man. Leave a message. ☎4996

SF, BRAINS & BRAWN. Very attractive Asian guy 27, looking for GWM 22-30, HIV-. work out daily, very intelligent, well-read, ivy-League. If you're gdlkg, have a career & are interested in meeting me, please call. ☎5010

SAN LEANDRO, OPEN TO ANYTHING! GWM 21, 5'10", 175#, Br/Bl, looking for anyone 20-35 in Bay area. ☎5047

SF, MENTAL SPARING PARTNER WANTED. Gdlkg. intel. honest Filipino 24, 5'8", 165#, seeks attrac. sincere, bright Asian male 21-35 for genuine friend, pos. relationship. Like dancing, weight-lifting, volleyball, & intel. conversation. ☎2352

SF, SEEKING OTHER MUSCLE-BOUND BLACKS. GBM 32, very good physical shape, looking for other BM's into B/B, have nice muscular body. Basically tp seeking btm. If you fit the description, call me. Chow! ☎2381

DALY CITY WM, 170lbs, looking for fun time guys, call ☎4283

SAN FRANCISCO KEEP ME OUT AS LATE AS THE COWS! Gay Asian male 19, 5'9", just like to meet any guys out there interested in going out! Any time you're ready! ☎2488

REDWOOD CITY, UP FOR A DOUBLE PLAY? GM 24, Amer., my roommate is about the same. We're looking for guys in the area to get together. Come one, come all. Bring a game of twister. ☎2589

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SF HANDICAPPED GAY MEN'S GROUP FORMING: 40 yr old handicapped interested in forming a group call mailbox for details. ☎4836

SF COME N' GET ME: Sub. GWM, 28, bodybuilder, seeking dom. black male to indulge life's little pleasures with. ☎4679

PALO ALTO SERVITUDE: HAVE CAR WILL TRAVEL : 39, I'M into guys under 45, tell me where to meet you. (hairy guys a plus) discretion advised. ☎4684

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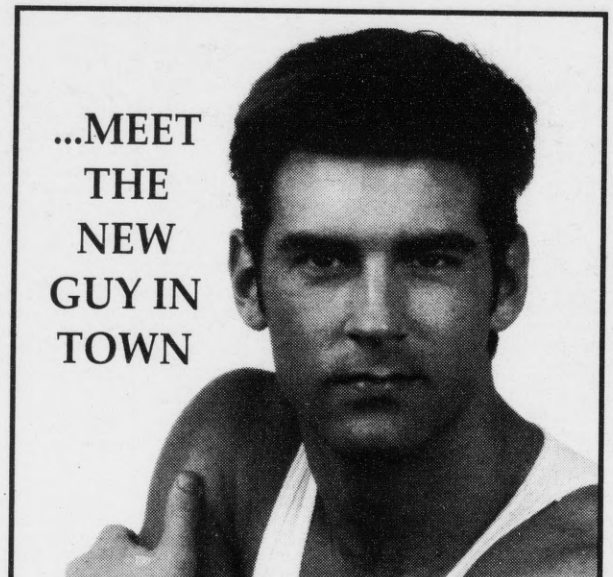
SF FRIENDS OR PHONE: hispanic, 5'7, 140lbs, dark hair/stached, lots of interests, I'm very romantic, and sensual, seeking goodlkg slender special someone. ☎3906

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STUD INTO SUN, surf and water sports, into hanging out, correspondence with young guys under 25. call for hm number, let' get busy. ☎3945

SF LITTLE BROTHER WANTED; Sincere 43 yr old, 6', 170lbs, seeks slim, asian or white guy 18-32 for sincere friendship, prefer boyish looks, non-smoker a plus, ☎3492

SF STOCKY AND SHY: new to gay life: 5'9, 160lbs, brwn hair/eyes, glasses, hairy w/moustache, seeking guy 25-35 to talk and do things with. (call for hm number and describe yourself) ☎4189



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Sonoma FOOTBALL BUILD: 29 yr old, blond haired, hazel eyed, bearded, hairy chest desires top or versatile hairy guy who likes the outdoors. ☎3846

San Francisco 5'5, CLEAN shaven, attractive, well built, enjoy outdoors, movies, romantic dinners, HIV+, seeking top man with similar outlook ☎2964

SF SALT & PEPPER Couple seeks top man for versatile fun & frolic ☎2682

SF ANY TAKERS? Bi-white male, 140lbs, 5'10, 29 yr old, seeking younger smooth slim types for discreet times ☎2859

Kings beach/Tahoe DAMN NICE GUY: Passionate sculptor, outdoorsy type, 33, 200lbs, big & muscular, I like to cook, trampoline, and would like to meet humorous real type. ☎2863

SONOMA COUNTY 5'8, BRWN HAIR/eyes let's talk ☎2899

SF Telcom engineer, 5'11, fit, non-smoking, sensual guy with good sense of humor, movies, travel and trying to learn french. Prefer clean shaven under 45. ☎3532

SF ATTRACTIVE GERMAN born, dark blond, hair, Hiv +, seeking positive person, must be sincere ☎1814

SF LOOKING FOR DADDY: 23 yr old, well defined seeking older guy to teach me ☎2033

E. Oakland ACTIVE IN THE COMMUNITY? 220lb muscular build: 21 yr old GWM in the navy enjoy writting, reading, politics, into classic rock, good food, seeking GWM 20-25. ☎2574

San Francisco We are a gay couple, seeking a third for weekends ☎2933

SF Jim, like to meet asian men ☎2818

SF ASIAN MALE, 5'8, 140lbs, enjoy skiing, seeking attractive WM, into friendships, waiting to hear from you, call for hm number ☎2884

SF LATIN GUY: 23 yr old, rel. oriented for guy 20-40 call for hm number ☎2913

Hayward great GLUTES Latin male 28, great shape, beginner Body builder, submis., can travel ☎2941

SF Bi-curious, white male 5'7, muscular built, seeks bi-curious asian male for experimentation ☎3035

Hayward NO REGRETS: 5'10, SOLID 28 yr old, very subm. bttm seeking agress. top stud 18-37 ☎3108

SF NEW TO GAY LIFE: 28 YR OLD, kinda shy: brwn hair/eyes, 5'10, 160lbs, avg. looking w/glasses, call for hm number ☎3145

San Francisco THE 3 BEES: BLACK BEARDED BTTM: 180lbs, call soon for get togethers ☎3190

San Francisco VERY SENSUAL 53 yr old, (look younger) brwn hair, hazel eyes, olive complexion, enjoy 1 on 1 conversations ☎3258

SF 19, 5'11, dark brwn hair, blue eyes, would like to meet any guy out there interested in going for anything. ☎2738

Rick, american hispanic, 36 yr old, very open, variety of tastes ☎2730

ANY RACE ANY AGE, OPEN MINDED; 26 yr old new comer, clean , healthy, seeking very aggressive dom. male, enjoy satisfying. ☎2734

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Older/Younger

Older GWM would like to meet younger guy, any race, for fun and intimate times. I'm 58, 5'11", 185, bald/gray, 'stache, HIV-, sm end, shy/quiet type. Live in Marin, enjoy movies, TV, KJAZ. You are under 50. Short, dark, hairy are pluses. Reply with photo if possible to BT Box JN93A or call ★★6778.

Narcissist, Please Note

Let's get together. You show off your body... in tight jeans? Different underwear? I can videotape and we'll watch afterwards. I'll admire your body, tell you how great you look. You don't have to be really buffed (although that would be nice too), just toned and love to show it off. No reciprocation needed. We'll both focus on you. I'm handsome, 32, Latino. If you've ever gotten off thinking about this, let's talk about it, we'll explore slowly. Reply BT Box JN94A or call ★★6779.

More Monkey Than Bear

Warm, friendly, funny, intelligent, 41 y.o., blue-eyed, moderately hairy, exercised, bearded, artist, writer. Seeks another warm, masculine man to explore relationship possibilities. I love hiking, camping, city walks, museums, intimate social gatherings, quiet conversation, TV sitcoms (we all have flaws), gardening. Dislike: smoke, drugs, poppers, cologne, S/M. Turn-ons: hugging, kissing, safe sex, furry and/or bald (both not mandatory). The only way we'll know is to meet. Call ★★6780.

Affectionate Asian

GAM, 27, 5'11", 170 lbs., attractive, nice gym-toned body, HIV-, like to touch, kiss and hold hands w/similar man. NS and ND please. Asian a+. Call ★★6781.

Ever Get The Mean Reds?

Holly Golightly type guy, tired of running, seeks man-next-door to share life's trials and tribulations. Me: 29, thin, young-looking, Hispanic, with varied interests. Language major (French, Spanish). You: mid-20s to late-30s, fun-loving, carefree yet goal-oriented individual. If you relate to Depeche Mode's song "Somebody," then call or write. Reply BT Box JN95A or call ★★6782.

Dinner By Candlelight

BGM, 49 y.o., HIV-, 135 lbs., 5'9", professional, financially stable, mature, looking for people of color with similar qualities for dates to movies, cultural events, outdoor activities, short trips out of town and dinner by candlelight. No drugs, alcohol or cigarettes. Pref. SF Bay Area. Letters and photos exchanged/returned. Reply BT Box JN96A or call ★★6783.

R U Tired Of Settling 4 Sex...

... when u really want physical intimacy? GWM, bright, musical, humorous, hairy, bald, HIV-, 5'6", 32 w; culturally Jewish, seeks W/AM for cuddling and conversation. U R assertive, young-looking, have some padding. We're NS/ND (light drinkers okay), cleanshaven, have interests (mine include language, foreign rock, exploring SF). Interested? Write PO Box 190188, SF 94119 or call ★★6784 (English/Cantonese).

East Bay Man

Good-looking GWM, physically active and fit, HIV-, 47, NS, ND, wants to meet sensitive men who are extremely well-endowed, HIV- and into getting massaged (or exchange) and sensuality. Call ★★6785.

Is Your Middle Name Butch?

East Bay GWM would like to meet masculine (please—look up this word before you waste your money) men for dating and possible LTR. I'm 5'9", br/br, 150, 30, HIV-. Looking for an unaffected, regular guy who is near my age, college-educated, focused and available for the right opportunity. Quality-laden, successful (or on their way, like me) men only. Call ★★6786.

R U A Contra Costa GWM? 20s-30s?

If so, I'd like to explore mutual possibilities. I'm a NS/ND, 40 y.o. GWM, 5'9", 170#, br/bl. I appreciate traditional values, honesty and open communication. I'm a caring top, looking for the same in a bottom. We like movies, music, outdoors stuff, dining out, quiet times, making love and quality time together. I'm educated, successful, yet open to learning from you. Let's talk and explore each other. Call ★★6787.

Uncommon Black Male

Can you relate to my warm heart, caring soul and romantic sensuality? Can I experience your maturity, intellect and sincerity in a quiet moment of intimacy? Savor the thought. I am 37, attractive, 5'8", 135 lbs., and enjoy the basic pleasures of life: movies, dining out, lazy Sunday afternoons, travel, music and dancing. Your list of uncommon ingredients should include: age 25-40, attractive, stable, healthy, trim, versatile or bottom sexually and most of all—honesty. Reply BT Box JN97A or call ★★6788.

Passionate Body And Soul

Seeking more serious Partner or nonsexual friends—Asian/Latin/all races with similar interests. Me: casual and easygoing homebody, moderate independent Christian, philosophy, Twilight Zone, Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Pascal, Christmas, Chaplin, Looney Toons, no heavy alcohol/drug dependency or bar scenes, lite cheapthrill video, Matt Ramsey, music (Sade, Vandross, Nat, Orbison, jazz, sacred, etc.), thrift-shops, ethnic food... You: ?? (P.S.: I'm WM, 31, 5'9", 155#, hairy, cleanshaven, "good-looking.") Reply to: JS, PO Box 640041, SF 94109-0041. Letters preferred or call ★★6789.

When Was The Last Time

You were with someone you felt a true affinity for? I've asked that of myself and the answer is much too long ago! I'm 30 and have a wealth of qualities to offer a man of stable being. He is someone who believes that beauty can change a mood, that life is worth living, that a kiss (given with love) can mean more than any words. I do believe these things and want to meet a man with whom I can share these and many more wonderful ideas. He is a nonsmoker, and does not need drugs to get high on life. Facial and body hair are a plus as is a versatile to top nature. I'm attractive, optimistic, intelligent, sexual, HIV-, and ready for a sense of affinity. If you are too... reply BT Box JN98A or call ★★6790.

Constant Craving

GWM, professional, 36, seeking man of great depth in a sea of shallowness. My best qualities: intelligent, humorous and sensitive. My worst: none (well, maybe a few—ask my analyst for an updated list). Me: 5'10", 160, muscular, runner, blue eyes, black hair. You: warm, affectionate, athletic "boy-next-door," who hungers for someone more in life. Call ★★6791.

Loves Dark Angel

Attractive, passionate, 28 y.o. QBM, 5'7", 145#, tired of headcases, attitude queens and control freaks. Would like to meet quality, hip, stable-minded individuals with a sense of humor for fun/possible relationship. I like music, art, hangin' out, hangin' in, spirituality, sexuality, tattoos/piercings, cartoons. You: have some of these things in common, between 23-35 y.o., any race. Let's explore life and each other. Call ★★6792.

Kinky Party Guy

GWM, 30s, looking for others into partying, fantasies, role-playing, small groups, buddies, sleaze, toys, nasty fantasies, dominance/submission, humiliation. Let's get down & nasty together. Let me know your scene. Call ★★6793.

Spring Fling Or...

Fun-loving, cute, pre-professional desires you to share laughter and lust. I have a curious intellect and upbeat attitude. I fantasize about many types from Mr. S to Gap—like me. Be a friend or older brother for sensuous good times in and out of bed. Me: GAM, 5'3", nicely shaped, 120 lbs., 27 yrs. old. You: GW/LM to 43 yrs. Be truly fit, attractive, smart, assertive and without pretension. Call ★★6794.

Single Latin Male

New to Bay Area, 5'8", light brown eyes/hair, clean-cut, well-educated, great sense of humor, 32 yrs. old, slender build. I enjoy outdoors, long walks, good conversation, dancing and a great cook. Seeks a tall, well-built, straight-acting GWM, who's intelligent, masc., interested in creating an intimate relationship. Blond, green eyes & hairy a plus, but not a requirement. Send photo (will return) with reply. Reply BT Box JN99A or call ★★6795.

Seeking Spiritual Guy

Cute young guy, 27, 5'9", 160 lbs., br/gr, hung, smooth, looking for a partner. I would like to explore Tantra, sex magic, and other forms of sex/spirituality fusion. I am intelligent, fun, good-looking and vegetarian. I like older, hairy guys who are into same. I am serious about spiritual/magical development. Letter/photo to PO Box 425876, SF 94142 or call ★★6796.

Bespectacled Intellectual Wanted

By an easygoing E. European who still insists on almost forgotten values of loyalty, compassion, good manners, supremacy of spirit over matter. I'm creative in many fields, have an interesting career, am fit & handsome if you like it bald & shaved, 37, 6', 175, HIV-, live on Peninsula. Would love to hear from a reliable man (maybe Europhile) of untypical background. Call ★★6797.

Somewhere There's A Someone

Maybe it's you! I'm attractive, Italian, in-shape, very young 60, 5'8", 155#, brown/bald, short beard/moustache, HIV-, hairy chest, uncut, clean, neat, honest, considerate, dependable, nice guy. I'd consider relocating for business-owner and be lifemate/partner. Enjoy home, reading, music, plants, board games, good conversation, quiet times. Be nonsmoker, mature, in-shape. Photo appreciated/returned. Take a chance. We're worth it. PO Box 6043, Eureka 95502-6043 or call ★★6798.

Seeking Serious Relationship

At the age of 40, this mid-Peninsula GWM is ready for a serious relationship. I'm handsome, 6'1", 175 lbs., with positive attributes. Successful career, enjoy outdoors, travel, films, music, gym workouts and good times with close friends. Seeking man who's in-shape, 35-45, NS, HIV-, employed and relatively together, who can willingly show his feelings, take risks and have a well-balanced life. Interested, call ★★6799.

Asian/Filipino (?)

Prime time live Italian seeks Asian and/or Filipino for companionship/romance, travel companion (Spain, France: November 1993/February 1994, two weeks accommodations gratis, Marbella, Spain). Be sincere, honest, open-minded, desire to love and be loved. Great opportunity for culturally minded. Call ★★6800.

Handsome, Affectionate & Single

GWM, 32, 6', 170, very attractive, br/gr, muscular, HIV-, socially conscious professional. Seeking a partner who, like me, is sensitive, affectionate, intelligent, humorous, fun-loving, easygoing, inquisitive, adventuresome and romantic. My interests include theater, film, working out, skiing, the beach, travel, cooking, hiking and politics. I'm interested in meeting very attractive, in-shape guys who are capable of intimacy, enjoy life, and want a serious relationship based on friendship, trust and the love of wild, mad, passionate sex. Reply BT Box JN100A or call ★★6801.

Dark Men

At night when you are alone and restless and you need loving and worship to your long big dick from a kind, mature Latin with an expert deep throat to fill your nights with happiness, think of me. If you choose my hungry hot massaging tongue will be deep inside your love-starved buns. You are HIV-, 45-65. I am good-looking, tall, very well-endowed, thick and uncut. E., 1800 Market St., #232, SF 94102 or call ★★6802.

Good-Looking! All-American!

First class GWM, 45 years young, seeks good-looking/handsome GWM, any years young, into fun, friendship, maybe even romance! Are you new in SF? I can be your escort and show you everything, everywhere! Write with photo. I will return. Box 1001, 633 Post St., SF 94109 or call ★★6803.

Looking

Trim, Middle Eastern 20-year-old. Like to run, read and write. Looking for someone 25-40 who is aggressive, masculine and sexy. Should be fun to hang out with, down-to-earth, and in good shape. No sugar daddies, conservatives or intellectuals. Call ★★6804.

Want Tall, Dark, Handsome

Tall lean Scandinavian/Irish, 37, wants lasting love. I'm fun, witty, big-hearted, with myriad of interests, content home, splendid friends and multitudinous abundances, sans lover. Like me you are spirited, handsome, outrageous, versatile, HIV-, can handle intimacy and sex if it happens and unafraid to go where it goes. We both believe it's all possible with passion, courage, spirituality and heart. + + + for over 6', under 35, dark, uncut, Taurus. Big no-no's: cigarettes, drugs, lazy libidos, bad teeth and fashion-over-passion. Call ★★6805.

"I Am What I Am, That's All That I Am"

Am I outgoing? No... Am I aggressive? No... Am I materialistic, jaded, closeminded or shallow? No, no, no and no... I'm just a very shy, very cute, 6', 165 lb., 28 y.o. GBM. I enjoy video movies, music, laughter, long walks and long, passionate, tender kissing. Am I looking for fun, excitement, new experience, as well as sensitivity? Yes, yes, yes & yes. Sense of humor + + + Call ★★6806.

Untitled But Entitled

GWM, 32, old soul Aries seeks resonance with vibrant lifeforms. Interests: adventure, euphoria, astrology, ceramics, desert excursions, innovation and major miracles. Weary of the Castro cesspool, this slim, ironic, innocent top desires new friends and a partner advanced along the food chain. This intuitive, irreverent, youthful, winsome recluse has much to offer—depending upon the grace of the gods and what you bring to the equation. Reply BT Box JN101A or call ★★6807.

High Frequency Type

Not a fanatic, quests grounded younger male, 37, 5'10", 150, brown hair and eyes, stabilized, decent looks, unconventional, professional, career-oriented, unorthodox intelligence, capable of most scenes, basically art-obsessed. Do you like older guys? Send letter/photo to Boxholder, #81, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or phone message at ★★6808.

Handsome Dark Top Wanted

By handsome, sandy blond, 31-year-old grad student. Am an eager bottom who likes to have lots of hot, steamy, safe sex on an ongoing basis with one particular person. Me: 5'10", 150 lbs., brown eyes, gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, boyish-looking preppy. You: well-built, gym-toned, HIV-, NS, ND, 25-45 years old. Call ★★6809.

Asian Seeking A Few Good Men

Looking to meet 20s-30s GWM for fun, friendship and the possibility of a long-term, monogamous relationship. Prefer honest, nurturing, physically fit, financially stable, NS/ND men with good sense of humor. I am a professional GAM, mid-30s, 5'11", 170#, HIV-, smooth, attractive and gym-toned. Enjoy outdoors, biking, swimming, skiing, movies, theater, dining out, travel, kissing, cuddling and romantic evenings. Call ★★6810.

Take A Chance

Because I'm only doing this once. I'm an attractive GWM, 6'4", 195 very fit lbs., and I live a very healthy lifestyle. My work is fitness-related and important to me, but so are many other things, like honesty, affection, integrity, humor, great kissers, life (in all its forms), hopeful romantics, etc., etc. Would like to meet someone with above qualities between 30-40 and in great shape. Take a chance, I'm worth it! Reply BT Box JN102A or call ★★6811.

Serial Monogamy

Sure I'd love a LTR, but what I'm good at is intense, monogamous affairs. 40s, HIV-, in-shape, hairy, bearded, attractive GWM. Enjoy changeable roles in bed, activities from cuddle to kink, balanced by equality outside the bedroom. Get my attention by being in-shape, attractive, a mature thinker, HIV-, with facial hair and a sense of humor. Tricks are for kids. Let's eat the breakfast of champions. Call ★★6812.

Upfront!

Me: honest, masculine, well-bred, highly educated, HIV-, spiritually devoted/non-materially oriented and very well-built! Successful in most areas except finances so now I'm nearly broke. You: have lots of love, money and a sense of self you're willing to share with a unique individual. Big-hearted, sense of humor, desire to have a good time and appreciation for the best—things created well (food, nature, music). Call ★★6813.

The Perfect Catch!

GWM, 33, 160, 5'9", very handsome, masculine, HIV-, exceptionally well-built, highly intelligent and modest! I keep busy by working out, traveling, hiking, painting, reading and meditating. If you're a very masculine, big-hearted guy who finds the best in others, who wins the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, and who is similar in description to me, call ★★6814.

Passionate Nature Lover Seeks Friend, Life Mate

A romantic homebody who lives alone and, like myself, is very sensitive, affectionate, playful, thoughtful, supportive, generous, communicative, spiritual, open-minded, growing, health-conscious, and loves to smile. I'm 6'2", 180 lbs., muscular, sensual, hairy, handsome, deepset sexy blue eyes, goatee, real short hair, very masculine, strong, yet gentle and childlike. You: easygoing, tight-bodied, well-proportioned, somewhat boyish, handsome or cute (I like facial hair), any age or height, mostly top, passionate kisser, cuddler and really love to be orally pleasured and massaged all over by an aggressive, talented, long-tongued oral expert. Shy, yet articulate loners with glasses encouraged. PO Box 3556, Berkeley 94703-0556 or call ★★6815.

Hey Peckerwood!

GWM, 34, 6'3", 240 lbs., hairy, bearded, seeks hot, muscular, tattooed type who would like quiet evenings of dinner at home and TV or a movie after he works/works out. Kick back while I massage your muscles + Mutual J/O, cuddling encouraged. Nonsmoking/light drinking a plus. Reply (with photo if possible; returned) to: Boxholder, PO Box 640893, SF 94164 or call ★★6816.

Summer In Santa Cruz

Good-looking, athletic, reasonably together, QWM, looking for a buddy, queer and kinky, kinda dashing, whose vices are in check, who'll take me on, run with me, cycle with me, sleep with me, fight with me, dance with me, play with me. If you're not afraid of feelings and emotions - yours or someone else's—passionate about something other than yourself, willing to take risks, take one now, call ★★6817. It's summer, let's play.

Sex Plus

You can have sex without friendship, friendship without sex, or sex plus friendship. I'd like the latter; I'll take the former. Let's try sex first and see what happens. I'm 5'9", 165, br/bl, moustached, 49, healthy, and very well hung. Also bright, educated, conversational, interested in books, politics, theater, film, the world. I like full body contact, oral action, manly encounter. I prefer, but don't require, someone darker, hairy, younger. There's a rare chance here. Call ★★6818.

You 'N Me

Lean your naked clean healthy 25-40 y.o. smooth/lightly hairy slender/skinny or compact 5'9"-6'2" frame back on my bed's many pillows with your knees up/apart exposing your beautiful 6 1/2 + " thickish knob ready to be coaxed/polished to solid ecstasy by this handsome 48 y.o. man's eager practiced mouth. You're nice/sincere. Reciprocity unnecessary. Light drink, smoke OK, ND. Some early weekday evenings/Saturday, Sunday afternoons available to bring this scenario to fruition. Call ★★6819.

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Ritualistic mutual only jerk-off, dirty talk, phallic worship while chanting, talking, stroking with masculine/aggressive GWM while partying & consuming substances (medium to wild—share costs 50/50) with older masculine aggressive buddies. Not into shaved, videos, couples. Age, looks, size unimportant. What's important: buddy to buddy scene (not top-bottom); devotion to Priapus; late night only (my place). Call ★★6820.

White Noise

Me: WM, 28; tall, lean (very), groovy eyes & long brown hair; playful, self-reliant, and obsessed with loud, obnoxious music; lotsa style but horrid fashion sensibilities. You: similar (or not), cool, compatible, congenial with brains that work, and not obsessed with sex, i.e., secure enough to maintain relative platonicism until love kicks in (if ever-sorry... Venus conjunct Neptune, blah blah blah). No gym-junkies, please! Call ★★6821.

Winners Never Quit, Quitters Never Win

So you may not be the great love of my life, or vice versa, but if you have a great sense of humor, are self-confident, music- and cat-lover, versatile and proportionate body, then you stand to gain a great deal by calling this GBM, 26, tall, handsome. Seeking LTR (but friends/sex partners also welcome). Losers of any type need not apply. Call ★★6822.

Beer Belly Homo

I'm 34, 5'4", 130, cute, Spanish, passionate, face fetish, kisser, cuddler, would like to have consistent, unconditional safe sex, some romantic intimacy to take away life's stresses. Not looking for husband. You are 30-48, working, spiritual, nonsmoker, under 180 lbs., easygoing, chatty, attractive facial features, sense of humor. Bar & gym-addicted need not apply. For cheap fun, folly & adventure. Reply BT Box JN103A or call ★★6823.

Volvo Mind, Mustang Gait, Corvette Chassis, Rolls Quiet: Cavalier Journey

Slow pulse, turbo heart, fine complexion, smiling eyes, fiercely tender, buoyant, believable, fair, GWM, 48, goatee, smooth transmission up hills, fit for the long haul. For this cavalier journey, I am seeking a compactly built, peaceful, swift pal/co-pilot, someone who never uses an ashtray, drives slow and sure, and surfs the radio dial with elan and smarmy comments. What about you? Call ★★6824.

Trying To Connect

With another man for intimacy, friendship and love. Musician, bodybuilder, polyglot, 6', Mediterranean, classical, 33, runner, negative, moustache, traveler, muscled, homebody, 190, hairy chest, dreamer, working out, family, spiritual, learning, home, friendship, loving, passionate, safe, touching, seeking honesty and openness in myself and others. These are some of my identities. Write me with photo, connect with me. PO Box 60811, Palo Alto 94306.

Not An Ad Game

Are you skeptical and discredit the less than honest ad descriptions or prior experiences? No games here. Honest, direct, relationship-oriented, emotionally available GWM who values intimacy, not searching, but I know what I want from living. Stats: 6'2", 38, HIV-, NS, muscular and well-built, handsome, masculine, brn/grn; athletic and does work out 4x/week, jogs, hikes, loves the outdoors as well as music and diversity. Sensitive, romantic, caring and nurtures my spiritual being. Seeks a GM, 30-42, HIV-, NS, who seriously works out or is athletic, is handsome, intelligent and capable of romance and intimacy for a potential friendship/relationship. Not another ad game, so sincere and honest responses. Call ★★6825.

A Boyfriend

A boyfriend would enrich the life of this mid-30s, HIV- prof. GWM's life. Have had longish-term relationships, but have yet to find the man to create family with... and I still have hope (most of the time) that he's out there. Could he be you? Like me, you are fit, monogamous, attractive, funny and enjoy some or all of the following: outdoors, R&B, roadtrips, movies, gardening, romance. Reply BT Box JN104A. It's spring and hope springs eternal.

Inarticulates Of The Heart

GBM top professional, emotionally available and seeking a mate who believes as I do in open communication, mutual respect and monogamy, also likes sharing quality time with someone special, while looking for a future of togetherness enjoying movies, symphonies, beaches, photography, weekend getaways and exploring No. Bay communities, etc. I need a GWM who's cleanshaven, under 6 ft., 45-60 yrs. old, who enjoys being total bottom in bed and an equal partner in life. I am mid-40s, light drinker and smoker, HIV-, 5'9", 185 lbs. Let's talk about it. Call ★★6826.

Horse Lover, Hayward

GWM, 51, 6'1", looking for friends and lifelong, monogamous, loving commitment. My interests include showing horses, waterskiing, fishing, bike riding, CW music, dancing, gym, work. Your height and weight in proportion, nonsmoker, no drugs, light drinking OK, must be understanding,

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Handsome Exceptional Man

Handsome, masculine, athletic, muscular solid guy, 38, 5'10", 185#, HIV-, black hair, green eyes, moustache, educated professional. I'm emotionally and financially stable, successful, sincere, and playful. Would like to meet other quality professional, attractive, masculine, HIV-, GWM, between 30-42, with similar interests and values for possible relationship. SF, Peninsula and South Bay men encouraged to respond. Take a chance—you won't be disappointed. Reply BT Box JN105A or call ★★6827.

What's Chemistry?

The answer is hopefully you and me! To find out if the mixture is right, how does this sound? First, we talk on the phone, then we meet for a drink and then possibly we have a real first date...etc. I've learned that sometimes the mixture isn't what it may seem at first glance, so check out my contents: handsome, humorous, intelligent, professional, 35, 5'10", 150 lbs., brown hair & eyes, well-trimmed beard, HIV-, nonsmoker, culturally Jewish. I'm passionate about my life, have many interests and friends with whom I like to dine, see films, enjoy music or theater, hike, bicycle, country western dance, ski, relax at home and share ideas and feelings. Perhaps you share several of these qualities and interests but have some of your own you can add to the mixture. Ultimately, I'd like the blend of contents to result in a relationship but if friendship flows instead, that's great! Call ★★6828.

Egomaniacs Need Not Apply!

Attitude princesses, granola heads, S/M & leather, just pass this ad up and go on to the next one! I want someone normal! GWM, 30, 187 lbs., sandy blond, beard, blue eyes, HIV-, blue, seeks average guys, 25-37, for courtship. I smoke, eat what I want and drink. I have been waiting for a stable, monogamous relationship for years. No mind games, period. Call ★★6829.

Summer Buddy

Handsome, masculine, energetic WM, 40, 6'1", 185, brown/blue, HIV-, seeks similar to 43 for good times in bed and outdoors. You're good-looking & smart, not vain or rude; a regular guy who might fall in love, but not off your bike. Extra points if you know Constantine, Minerva or Wooglin; penalties for slackers, baldies and leftists. Let's meet and spend a great summer together! Leave a descriptive message on ★★6830.

Like A Wild Horse

Needing a strong man to ride. San Jose young Asian seeking white/Latino man for friendship. Prefer hunky/fit (muscular a plus), moustache/goatee, top, active, who enjoys life, sex, cuddling, laughing, dancing, music, sports and movies. We are both intelligent, financially stable, attractive, NS and passionate. Let me please you, sir. PO Box 18053, San Jose 95158 or call ★★6831.

Aaaagh!

My last ad was excessively poetic. It was really pretty. I swear! It didn't have a sunset in it or a fading rainbow but I was there. Silent. Clasping my hands. A faint pout about the lips. Fuck it. I'm 27, 6 ft., slim, curly moptop, eyes blue as a soapdish. I'm ready to do something scary—like committing, skydiving, or public speaking. Go to a movie with me, somebody. Or mint tea and long romantic talk about human rights in Brazil. Or sandwiches in the park. I don't suppose you have a cat. PO Box 12002, Berkeley 94701 or call ★★6832.

Let's Get Naked

Attractive, friendly, boyish-looking GWM, 34 y.o., 5'8", 140#, dark blond hair, grn eyes, cleanshaven, hairy trim body, seeks handsome, muscular, independent topman for friends and fun. Reply w/photo (returned) Box 99, 2300 Market St., SF 94114 or call ★★6833.

Seeking Friendship And...

Masculine, handsome GWM, 24, 6'3", 170 pounds, cyclist seeks sensitive, masculine, self-confident man, 20s-mid-30s, who enjoys the outdoors and is actively pursuing something. I'm optimistic, frequently pensive, independent. I love exploring the outdoors, biking, the theater, and playing cards. Please be honest, down-to-earth and realistic (about most things). Nothing is gained without taking a risk. Reply BT Box JN106A or call ★★6834.

I'm Not Saying This Just 2B Nasty

I sincerely want to funk the taste out of your mouth. Can you relate? Lustful, thrustful white topman, 32, 5'8", 160#, brn/grn, moustache, hung, wants eager, submissive Black bottom boys, smooth & dark preferred, who love to be ravished and ravaged, used & abused, ridden like a bareback bronco until you scream, "Mercy!" Call ★★6835.

No Hassle

Pleasure given to masculine Blacks, Asian bodybuilders or super hairy (any race) who like to lean back and put hot mouth to work. Am 38, HIV-, fit, cute, enthusiastic. Your place only. Some weekdays. Blowjob given with condom. HIV- only. In my face, pal. Call ★★6836.

Handsome Asian

Hi, I'm masculine, muscular, clean-cut, straight-acting/looking, smooth and cuddly. Also, GAM, 29, 5'10", 168 lbs. Looking for Asian with same qualities for friendship to begin with. Call ★★6837.

I Want To Meet A Cop

GWM, 41, very well-built, masculine, buffed, outdoors type, former athlete, wants to meet well-built SFPD, CHP or any other policeman. Call me at ★★6838, you won't be disappointed. Or write PO Box 31221, SF 94131.

Ever Wonder Why...

An intelligent, nice guy like you, living in the beautiful Bay Area, spends so much time enjoying it...alone? Does it make sense that a nice-looking, masculine man like you doesn't have someone special? After all, you're easygoing, down-to-earth and have a good sense of humor. You're in good shape (maybe do weights or bodybuilding?), and avoid gay bars, drugs and tobacco. So, what's the problem? Could it be guys you meet either have one thing (or worse yet, nothing) on their minds? Well, this HIV-, GWM, 39, 5'8", 160#, who has been described the same would like to hear from you. Reply BT Box JN107A or call ★★6839.

Mellow Yellow Fellow

But highly energetic at 45. Masculine, youthful, altruistic Asian, 5'9", wants to meet cleanshaven, gym-toned, smooth, slender or muscular WM to develop symbiotic relationship and share eclectic experiences. We are physically active and fit, nonsmokers, communicative, affectionate and honest. Enjoy workouts, hiking, dancing, sports, cultural arts, films, PBS, home life and lovemaking. Am somewhat quiet and assertive but respectful of mutual feelings in and out of bed. Call ★★6840.

All This And More!

Me: 28, attractive, 5'6", 130 pounds, brown hair/green eyes, professional, HIV-, Giants fan. You: funny, honest, handsome, open to commitment. No: bar regulars, gym gods, smokers. Together: travel, sports, quiet nights, movies, creative/imaginative sex. My weaknesses: beards, men of color, older guys. I live and work in SF. And you? Write: 41 Sutter, Box 1743, SF 94104 or call ★★6841.

Crew Cut? Bald?

This GWM, 38, would like to meet you for fun and friendship. I especially am turned on by men with "less" hair on top. Sexually versatile and most of the usual interests. Call—all answered. Call ★★6842.

Successful Young Exec Seeks...

Are you looking for incredible sex with very attractive, 6'1", blond, blue, with all-American boyish looks, 31, great smile, smooth, gym-toned physique, and well-endowed? Who cares deeply about the world and our future, who is a corporate radical focused on bringing positive change to companies, who is immensely strong, yet fragile too? Who enjoys romantic beach walks, pillow talks, books, sailing, singing and adventure travel? Who graduated from Michigan and Northwestern universities, doesn't smoke, is non-materialistic and has a six-figure income and Midwestern values? Then call! I seek passionate GWM in good shape, 22-32, 5'10"-6'2", 155-175, trim, smooth, educated and growing physically, intellectually and spiritually for great times, maybe much, much more. Call ★★6843.

A Wild Affair

I'm 26, single, sexy and off for a year in Asia in July. I am looking to meet a sincere, sensitive guy, 24-35, to enjoy my last month in San Francisco with. I'm a smart, open, adventurous, pseudo-fairyboy. If you like nude beaches, open conversation, massage and being gay, call ★★6844.

GAM + GBM = Fireworks For The Fourth

GBM, 36, in the City for the 4th of July. Safe, attractive, healthy, wants to meet similar GAM. Call ★★6845.

Slutty Boys Need Love Too

"I was never satisfied with casual encounters; I can't hide my need for two hearts that bleed with burning love; that's the way it's got to be." There are lots of guys out there. There are guys who are hot for me in the bars, never to be seen or heard from again once they've cum. Then there are the guys who don't know a thing about me but want me to be their lover because it just happened to be me they met when they were feeling particularly desperate or lonely. Either way, I suppose I've gotten enough attention, but somehow I still end up being the one who watches couples with envy, wondering what they had that I didn't (sob, sob—just kidding). So for the past seven years that I've been out, I've experienced both extremes: lots of meaningless (although fun) sex and meaningless "love." What I really want is to eventually experience what's in-between: a real love with real passion. So, my stats: I'm a good-looking, 26-year-old GWM professional, Ivy League graduate, 150 lbs., 5'10", brown hair/hazel eyes, and primarily bottom. As much of a true-blue romantic as I have to admit I am, there's also a part of me that's capable of being a big "slut," but as Madonna says, "That's nothing to be ashamed of." I don't have a long list of criteria for the guy of my dreams, but basically he should be masculine, in good shape, cute, and in my general age range. So please respond if you are interested—all responses will be answered. Call ★★6846.

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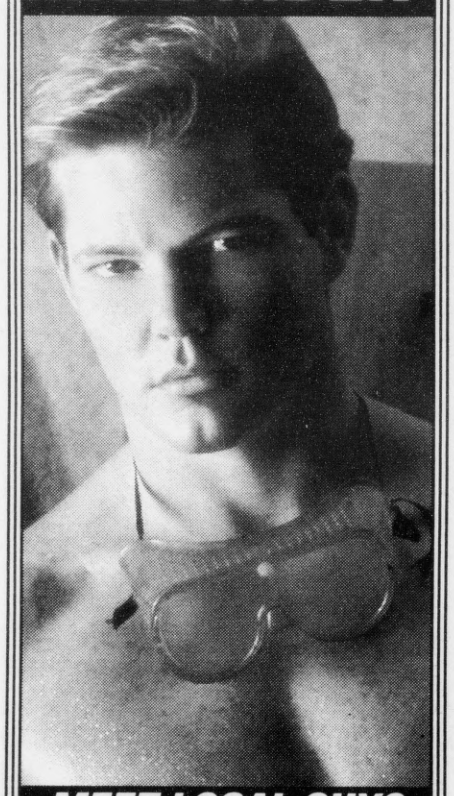

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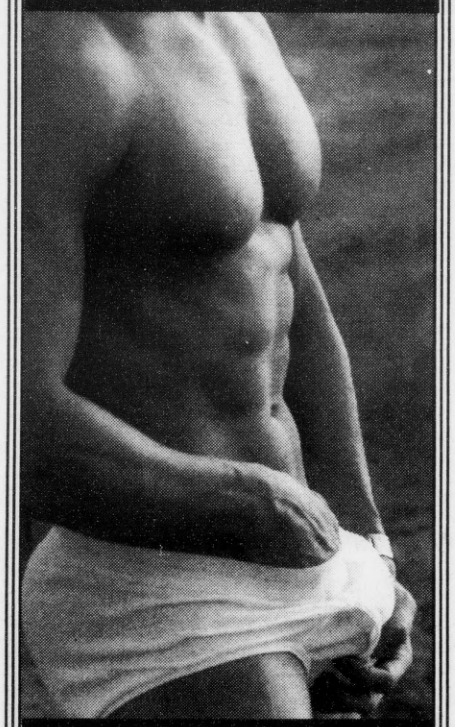

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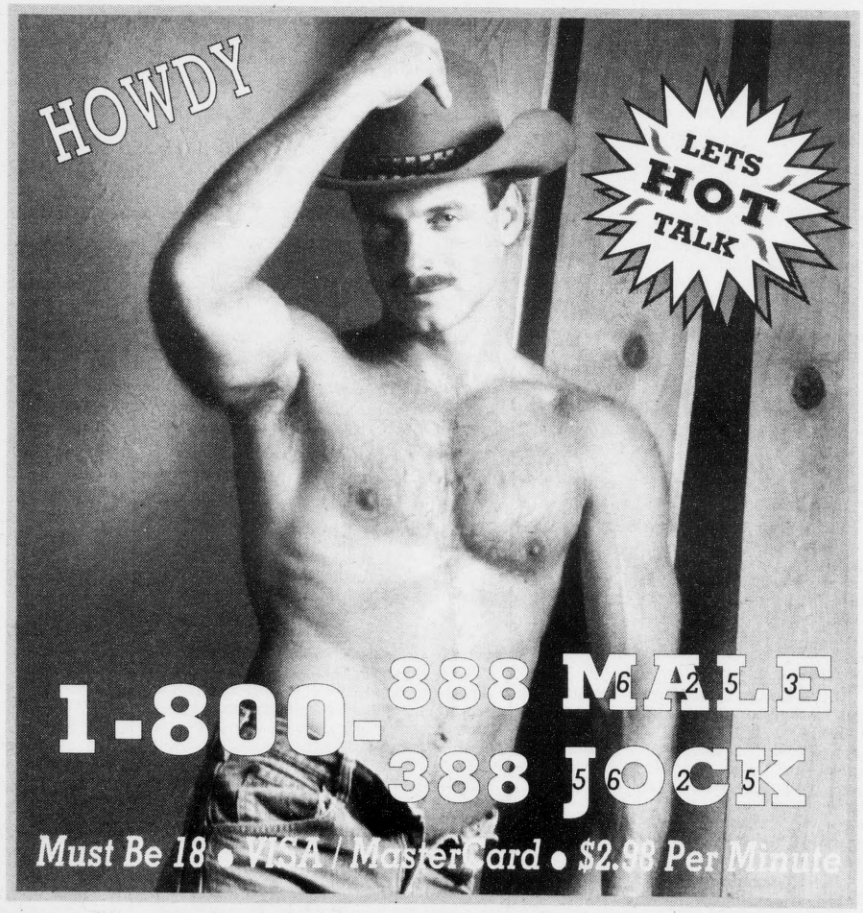

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student, 21-27 yrs. old, attractive, swimmer's build/buffed, clean-cut, masc., straight-appearing to spend time with me at my Oakland home on a weekly basis. I'm 39 yrs. old, 210#, weightlifter, brn/brn, tanned, masc./straight-appearing and non-threatening. You should be sincere, loyal, masc./butch, look good in Speedos and you can use my home to relax, study; sometimes we will go out, dinner, movie, drive, beach/sunning. Please respond with letter and swimsuit photo. Reply BT Box JN108A.

Content Counts

I've been to the top of the mountain, but now believe life is better half-way down the slope. I'm a good-hearted, intelligent, attractive, decent man. My financial situation allows time for a meaningful relationship, and I know how to share life. Don't smoke, drink or drug and am HIV- (you too). If you're hairy, you meet my only physical preference. For me, content counts more than the package. Call ★★6847.

Mary Renault

Wrote "The Persian Boy." Here he is in the flesh & spirit. Young, 30ish, good-looking, exotic, sexy, very fun, smooth, slim, sophisticated, versatile & talented in many ways! Not boy-next-door! You: 30-40+, masculine, lean, sexually versatile, secure, loyal, mentally fit, passionate, romantic, good or unusual looking (not ugly), HIV literate, (rich?!). For fun times, hot sex, boyfriend or whatever develops. Call ★★6848.

Older Seeks Younger

GWM, attr., young-looking/acting, 60, 5'8", 155, hairy, silver/gray hair, white moustache, healthy and HIV-. You are 18-40, gdlkg, HIV- and also wish to develop a meaningful friendship/relationship on an ongoing basis. In or out of bed I am a lot of fun to be with. Your photo gets mine. R., 537 Jones St., #1297, SF 94102 or call ★★6849.

More Than Sex

Very attractive, hunky, GWM, 33, 5'8", 150#, olive complexion, hzl/brn, versatile, asymptomatic HIV+. My interests include art, cities, swimming, weight training, foreign languages, cooking, foreign films, books, ethnic restaurants, travel abroad, mountains, grappling with the meaning of life. I'm gentle, complex, passionate, inquisitive and responsible. You are a sensitive, handsome GWM, 28-42, who is intellectually/culturally oriented, open to a committed relationship, taller and muscular. Sex is important, but more fundamental is your capacity to care, share common interests, and live with integrity and passion. Call ★★6850.

Handsome, Healthy, HIV+ Latino

Seeks attractive, masculine, independent, emotionally available, down-to-earth GWM. I am 5'9", 150 lbs., brn/blk, 30 y.o., educated, honest, affectionate, even-tempered, unpretentious, somewhat shy and tired of doing things alone. I enjoy concerts, movies, ethnic foods, baseball, shopping, travel, hanging out, and too many other things to mention. I'm ready to meet someone new. The bars don't do anything for me. Maybe this ad will. Take a chance. I am. Letter, photo appreciated. Reply BT Box JN109A or call ★★6851.

Bi-Curious, U 2?

Healthy, straight-appearing, easygoing, attractive Asian American, 26, 5'11", 165 lbs., prof, interested in meeting bi-curious/bi/GWM (HIV-, 22-33, attractive, clean-cut, masculine) for friendship and possibly more, not LTR. You're also fun-loving, sincere, discreet, NS, ND, a light drinker with many interests. I'm a little nervous and need someone who's patient, a great listener and talker. Let's have coffee first. Call ★★6852.

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Our turn-ons include insatiable boyish bubble butts begging for fulfillment, deep throats, suckable tits and feet. Hooked on Asians, Latins, blonds, esp. 18-35, both experienced and curious—3-way. Hot sensual safe only. We are: 31, 6'3", 195, spiked blond/hazel, versatile; and 38, 6'2", 198, brown/blue, top. Our shoe sizes are 10½ and 12—are you wet yet? Reply BT Box JN110A or call ★★6853.

Special Person

Hi, I'm 33, GWM, Jewish, 6'3", 180#, HIV-, trim beard, educated, professional, honest, romantic and realistic, versatile top; into music, travel, arts, outdoors and quiet times at home. I'm looking for a relationship-oriented, 33-45 y.o., height/weight proportional, in-shape, financially secure, intelligent, NS, ND, caring person. Let's meet and talk first. Write or call. Photo appreciated (returned). Reply BT Box JN111A or call ★★6854.

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You are: (1) 45-65, tall (around 6 ft.), stocky (around 200 lbs.), blond/silver/bald, blue-eyed, cleanshaven (no beard!), (2) healthy, active/exercised, nutrition-conscious, nonsmoker/abuser; (3) university-educated, aesthetic, into serious culture/sophisticated entertainment (opera, theater, etc.); (4) a well-informed pragmatic liberal; (5) gregarious, yet intimate, private; (6) open-minded, humorous, humane; (7) familiar with therapy, consciousness-expansion; (8) fond of nature, outdoor activities (hiking, biking, skiing, camping); (9) able to enjoy affectionate intimacy. I'm 43, 6'2", 185, good-looking, healthy. Call ★★6855.

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Maybe we have seen each other around town or at the gym and were attracted to one another, but held back. Or perhaps we live positively and healthily in different circles, and our paths have never crossed. You may have similar characteristics and desires to mine and want to share your life with someone special. If between 25 and 40, masculine, versatile and Chris Isaak handsome, like me, we should match up well. You equal my 6', 185 lbs. of hunky built manhood and enjoy sports and the outdoors as much as I do. Although each of us has his unique qualities, dark blond hair, green eyes, cleanshaven, hairy body, we both have uncommonly attractive and generous physical features, pride and self-confidence makes us cocksure, but heart and soul makes us personally likable. I prefer a real man who is intelligent and can be a good partner. Call ★★6856.

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Another Regular Guy

This 33 y.o. regular GWM with brown hair, blue eyes, beard, is 6'2", 180, and seeks another regular guy who enjoys backpacking, motorcycles, day hikes, bicycling & weekend trips. You should also be (as I am) HIV-, 27-40, health-conscious (but not into the gym scene), relationship-oriented/monogamous, very affectionate, masculine, nonsmoker & a light drinker. I especially like crewcuts, tan lines and blond/brown hair. PO Box 51113, Palo Alto 94303 or call ★★6858.

Take This Book Off The Shelf

Bespectacled bibliophile, concupiscent curmudgeon, former expatriate, wants back in circulation. Mid-40s GWM, trim, handsome, HIV-, 6', 165, nonsmoker, short beard, brown hair, intelligent, sense of humor. Likes walking, talking, graphics, Forster, Bowles, Latin America, old stuff, not watching TV. Seeks attractive literary man, 18-40, any race, to share mind and body. Resume and requirements to PO Box 190631, SF 94119-0631.

All-American PI

This all-American boy with swimmer's build and strikingly attractive Asian/Pacific Islander features (28, 5'11", 165) seeks GWM, 22-35, for dating. Seeking serious relationship/open to friendship. Interests include martial arts, travel, nude beaches, spending time with friends, exploring. CW Turn-ons: honesty, adventurousness, good sense of humor, being out, keeping in shape, romance, activism, friends, family, optimism, hairy legs. Turn-offs: drugs, smoke, bar scene. Call ★★6859.

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A slim, 35-50, HIV- GWM with a moustache and a sense of humor! I'm a SF resident, 40s, 6', 150 pounds, with dark hair and moustache. I enjoy the Bay Area but love to travel. I hope to hear from you. Reply BT Box JN112A or call ★★6861.

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GAM-American-born, 29, 5'8", 140 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, very handsome. In a relationship. Sometimes needs a little spice on the side? NS, ND, LD, HIV-. You should be too. Interests: arts, theater, movies (a good classic), bicycling, dancing, ballet, just to name a few & list goes on! Photo appreciated, will receive reply first. Seeking dudes 18-40, WM, HM, AM. Reply to PO Box 6351, Concord 94520, 510/707 area.

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GWM, 38, dark brown hair/moustache, nice blue eyes and smile seeks HIV+ smoothies. I'm stocky, very hairy, hung, called handsome. A passionate top who heats up from hot kisses and a beautiful smooth ass to pump. You're cute/handsome, Latin/Asian, etc., very/completely smooth, a real bottom—you love taking it as much as I love giving it, safely, of course. Call ★★6863.

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One Of A Kind

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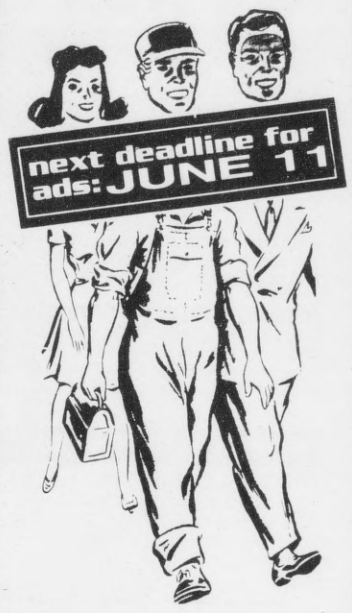

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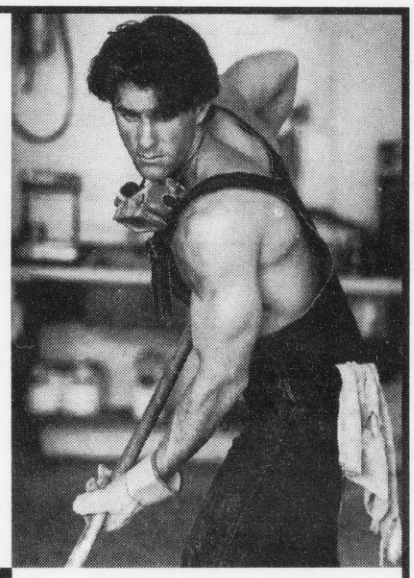

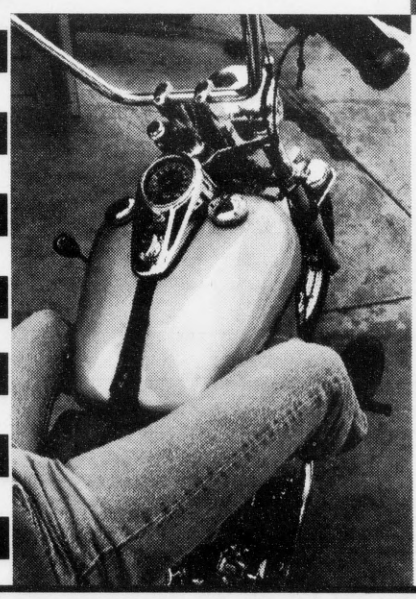

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Top This Asian

Looking for hot top, possibly masseur to massage and then safely pump a handsome Asian. Possible 2-on-1 action aimed at his pleasure. Massage a plus, not a requirement. You're 28-42, masculine, HIV-. Pluses for: hairy, nice chest, hot legs, uncut or thick cock. Non-smoker. You must love "topping" a hot Asian man with a great butt, mouth and everything else! Call ★★6867.

Nerdy Man Wanted

I have been searching high and low and can't find them. Where are the nerdy Jewish and Asian guys? I'm a 27 y.o., 6'3", well-educated, handsome, charming, kind of chubby Black man. I'm shy, sensitive, funny and warm. I love the following: books (literature and science), writing poetry, walking (a passion), cooking (great cook), music and art. I'm looking for someone 27-40 who's nerdy looking, well-educated, sensitive, nerdy, caring, stable, HIV- and nerdy. I want to get together with you for a relationship. Reply BT Box JN115A or call ★★6868.

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Are important. Do you miss them like I do? I want to date other men looking for a committed, healthy marriage. I enjoy politics, the performing arts and sensual, passionate sex. I am in school with goals for a prosperous future. I am a good-looking, intelligent, HIV-, 25 y.o. GAM. You should be GWM, all-American, under 35 years old, HIV-, NS, ND, and otherwise compatible. We're definitely not perfect. Call ★★6869.

Spinning Top Seeks Deep Dish Bottom

Sleazy pierced punk, 24, 6', 160 lbs., blond/blue, buzzcut, donkey dong, wants to bottom you out. Anarchist punks need only call. Call ★★6870.

A Great Smile

In search of a handsome, clean-cut GWM, 29-40, in excellent physical condition, who loves to laugh & enjoy a nice glass of wine while listening to music. I'm a very handsome GBM, mid-30s, 5'8", 160, gym-toned, professional & HIV-. My interests include: cycling, hiking, working out, movies,. reading, sharing time w/friends. No smoking, drugs. Give me a call & make me smile. Call ★★6871.

Free Spirited

Active, attractive, successful kind of guy, 32 yrs. old, seeks another guy, 20 to 35, who is adventurous, stable, monogamous, masculine and HIV-. I'm 5'8", 170 lbs., brn/brn, muscular, Italian, HIV-, and live life by my own rules. I'm a well-traveled entrepreneur who's intense, creative, spiritual, masculine and kind-hearted. My interests include cycling, fitness, beaches, food, wine, travel, languages, people watching, creativity, nature, cuddling and lovemaking. I'm looking for someone who's attractive, secure with themselves, versatile but more top than bottom, romantic, intense, and a nonsmoker. Please reply w/photo to BT Box JN116A.

I Love My Friends

Hirsute, handsome, humorous, 40 y.o. GWM, 150, 5'10", seeks several manly good friends, 35-55, for naked & clothed fun. You: handsome (maybe in an odd way), very bright, in-shape, facial haired and/or hirsute, stable, friendly, successful, into touching and laughing. Me: sinewy, moustache, brown/green, HIV-, sober, sensuous, witty, safe sexer, into theater, creativity, nudism, music-making, antiques, dogs, walking, low camp. An unusual man of heart and substance. Like you. Shine me your light in a letter or message. Reply BT Box JN117A or call ★★6872.

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WM, 38, HIV-, 5'10", 160, bl/br, cyclist, runner, good sense of humor, attractive, spiritual, enjoys travel, outdoors, sports; health; seeking WM/HM, 30-38, ht/wt proportionate, active, in-shape, comfortable w/sexuality & intimacy, unpretentious, likes to laugh, NS, ND. Call ★★6876.

Cool Breeze (Hot Summer Wind)

Fun, hip, Asian dude looking for man-boy! I'm 27, handsome, a Taurus (if it matters), with boyish looks (cleanshaven) and attitude (carefree but responsible), a tasty build (5'7", 135 lbs., 30" waist, relatively smooth), an upbeat, positive outlook (everything's coming up roses and daffodils), and a sexually adventurous bent (from vanilla to kink, talk me into it). Interests range from the cerebral to the carnal: reading (book freak), collecting (thrift stores and kitsch), travel (bags always packed), cooking (love to feed friends), the arts scene (creative stuff), politics (personal, queer, national, etc.), fitness (mind and body), making out (sex), and much, much more. You are genuine and honest, but above all comfortable being yourself. Open to all possibilities if the chemistry is right—so let's meet, damn it! Reply BT Box JN119A or call ★★6877.

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Good-looking boy in need of a master who can train him to be a good slave. Slave is new to the field and is willing to explore his limits. Slave is 30, 5'9", 170 lbs., dk brn hair, blue eyes and slightly hairy. Slave is HIV- and wishes master is the same. Into safe play. All requests will be answered. Slave respectfully asks a photo to be included in inquiry. Will return photo. Reply BT Box JN120A or call ★★6878.

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